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Herald of Truth

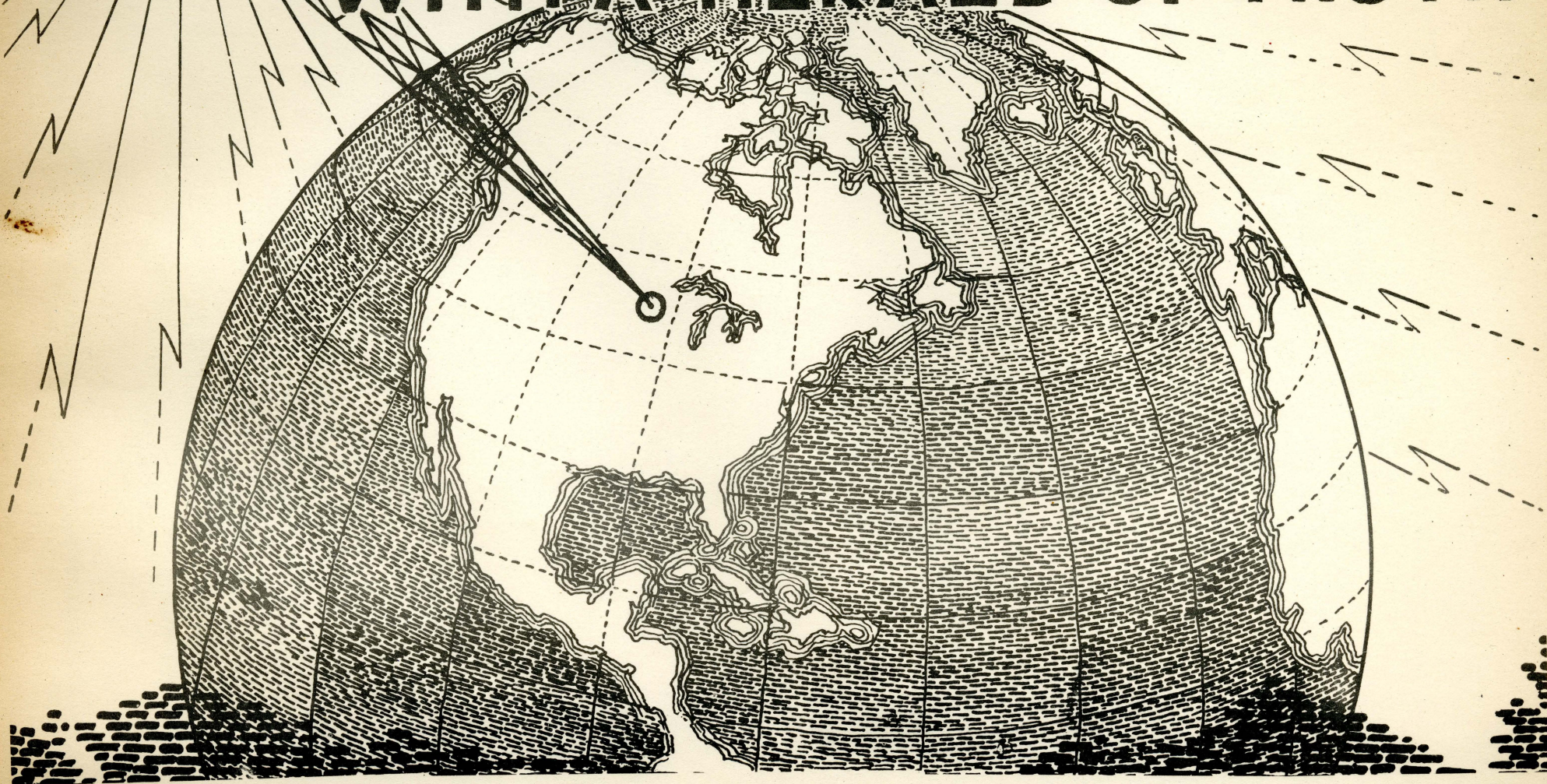
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*"The Churches of Christ
Salute You"*
WITH A HERALD OF TRUTH





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FACT SHEET

In June 1947, James Walter Nichols, a recent graduate of Abilene Christian College, went to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for a two-fold purpose ... to do graduate work in speech at the State University of Iowa, and to do evangelistic work.

After he had been there one month he conceived the idea of preaching the gospel on radio station WMT in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This broadcast covered an area of five states. Mr. Nichols persuaded various church of Christ congregations to underwrite this program through his efforts in going about and contacting prospective contributors. For the next three and a half years Mr. Nichols was heard weekly on Radio Station WMT.

Responses from listeners encouraged him to the point that he began to consider branching out in this radio effort. Consequently he contacted another young gospel preacher, James D. Willeford of Madison, Wisconsin, who was then being heard on radio station WIBA, Madison, and they made plans to coordinate the broadcasts so that each speaker would be heard on both stations. These two young men then began working to expand these broadcasts to include other independent stations. One by one the others were added until in Sept. 1950, the broadcast was being heard over a chain of six stations.

MORE

JAMES W. NICHOLS, CONT'D

In October 1951, several major radio networks were becoming interested in the program. At this point the elders of the Highland Church of Christ in Abilene, Texas, were contacted and they assumed the responsibility of overseeing and directing the expansion of this program for the network broadcast.

Mr. Nichols began at once to write a multitude of letters and to travel in several states on speaking engagements along with speaking engagements of Mr. Willeford.

In three months time, \$250,000 was raised from congregations of the church of Christ in 40 states and a contract was signed with the AMERICAN BROADCASTING COMPANY for one year.

This money has been raised almost totally through the efforts of Mr. Nichols, who, along with Mr. Willeford, will be the principle speakers on the program.

The treasurer for this work is Mr. P.S. Kendrick of Abilene, Texas, who has been a moving force behind this program since July 1951. The announcer is Mr. Phil Kendrick, Jr., of Abilene, Texas. The program is under the complete direction of the elders of the Highland Church of Christ in Abilene. The A Capella chorus for the broadcast is under the direction of Mr. Leonard Burford and Mr. Bill Davis. The program is thirty minutes in length and will be broadcast over the ABC network at 1:00-1:30 Eastern Time, 1:00-1:30 Central Time, 3:00-3:30 Mountain Time and 3:30-4:00 Pacific Time.

This is the first time the church of Christ has ever conducted a network radio program.

C O P Y

Anniston, Ala.
May 24, 1952

Herald of Truth
Abilene, Texas

Dear Brethren:

Just a few lines to let you know that I am continuing to enjoy the broadcast and appreciate your efforts very much.

It is requested that you send me one of your books on "Back to God" as announced on your May 24 broadcast.

It might interest you to know that I have listened to your broadcast for the past six months in Alabama, Philadelphia, Penn., and Long Island, New York, and find the program is always very clear and on the better known stations, New York especially is taking advantage of the extra few minutes allotted for local announcements.

May God continue to bless you in your efforts and our prayer is always for you.

Yours in Christ,

(signed-name on file)

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C O P Y

Acquilla, Texas
June 17, 1952

Dear Brethren:

I listen to your broadcast every Sunday afternoon. The announcer said that if we would write, they would send a free copy of the sermon. So please send me a free copy of each sermon. The reason I want a copy is that when I finish high school I am going to be a gospel preacher.

Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

(signed - name on file)

#16

C O P Y

Anderson, Indiana
July 3, 1952

Elders
Highland Avenue Church of Christ
Abilene, Texas
Box 1264

Brethren:

The elders of the church at 226 E. 31st Street have decided to contribute fifty dollars each month to the "Herald of Truth" program, feeling that we have an opportunity, and besides that an obligation, to assist in such a worthy undertaking. The local ABC station in Anderson has been airing the program since the first Sunday in June, and is the only station in central Indiana giving vent to the program. We feel that only good can result from the broadcast in the form of many people hearing the truth for the first time.

If you haven't received a check for the above amount, expect one within the next few days. Call upon us at any time we can be of help.

Yours in Christ,

(signed - name on file)

C O P Y

1028 Oleander Dr.
Augusta, Georgia
May 20, 1952

Highland Church of Christ
Radio Program: Herald of Truth
Box 1264
Abilene, Texas

Dear Brethren,

Three weeks ago the A B C outlet in Augusta began carrying "Herald of Truth". It has been enthusiastically received by the members of the church here and rightly so because of the quality of the program. We believe it will do untold good for the cause of Christ in this area.

This section of Georgia and South Carolina is a mission field to a great extent. Last summer, when I moved to Augusta, the next nearest white congregation was over sixty miles away. Now, due mainly to the influx of people to work at the hydrogen bomb plant, there are four congregations in this area. But these few facts are enough to suggest the importance of "The Herald of Truth" to this section.

Not one of the four congregations mentioned above have buildings of their own. Augusta, however, plans to begin a building in the next week or two and soon after the actual construction is under-way we should be able to contribute substantially to the support of the program. At least it is my hope that we will be able to help. At the present time we are planning to advertise the program in every way that we can.

Again let me commend the program as being very good in set-up, singing, and preaching. The lessons are on VITAL themes NOT preached on by denominational preachers, and that is what the world needs. We, the Augusta church of Christ, thank you and brethren everywhere for making the program possible to this area.

Faithfully,

(Signed-Name on file)

Aquila, Arizona

Dear Brother Nichols;

On the night of June 22nd I baptized Mrs. _____ who learned the way of the Lord more perfectly by listening to "The Herald of Truth."

Mrs. _____ is past 60 years of age and has been totally blind the last 2 years. She had been sprinkled for baptism in the Methodist church.

We rejoice with her and pray many more will respond to the Gospel through your efforts and may God bless you and those responsible for the same.

Signed

(These names are on file at "The Herald of Truth")

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#20

C O P Y

Brownsboro, Texas
July 7, 1952

Dear Brethren in Christ:

Please send me the booklet of sermons on "What Must I Do To Be Saved"? by Brother Nichols on the radio broadcast "Herald of Truth."

To me this is the greatest work the church has ever done. It gives me great joy to hear the program. I pray God's richest blessings to be with you as you continue.

I thank you so much for the booklet of sermons and you will find enclosed \$1 to pay for expense of mailing.

Yours in Christ,

(signed - name on file)



Phone 4-4161

JONES-KENNY

225 Sayles Blvd.
Abilene



#19

C O P Y

WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. (Name in File), Pastor
605 France Street,
Baton Rouge, La.

June 30, 1952

The Church of Christ,
Herald of Truth
Abilene, Texas

Kind Sirs:

Will kindly send me the booklet of messages which have been broadcast for the past few Sundays. I believe that the announcer said that the entire series could be obtained by writing in a request. I have enjoyed all of the messages, and particularly the one delivered on the 29th of June.

Enclosed herewith is addressed, stamped envelope for your convenience in mailing.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

(Name in File)

#17

C O P Y

Bremerton, Wn.
June 30, 1952

Herald of Truth
Church of Christ
Abilene, Texas

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find ten dollars (\$10) to be used for the radio broadcasts. It is sent by an elderly lady, (name on file) who is becoming blind and cannot see to read the Bible or any other printed material. She enjoys the messages heard over the radio, Especially those which teach God's plan of salvation.

If a receipt is sent, I will see that she receives it. We both love the Lord and His work.

(signed - name on file)

C O P Y

706 N. Beaver
Bethany, Oklahoma
May 18, 1952

The Herald of Truth
Radio Program

Dear Brother Nichols and all,

Here is one dollar to preach the gospel over the radio. I have not received a sermon by mail since March 30th. Sure hope that I get them.

I received a report from the East Side of Manhattan, New York, recently, and in it a Baptist preacher who they had been trying to convert, after hearing Brother Nichols over the radio, he is now straightened out on baptism and wants to talk with them again. They ask the prayers for this man.

May God show him the truth in Christ's name.

Yours for the truth,

(Signed-name on file)

C O P Y

Butler, Missouri

February 18, 1952

Gentlemen:

May I please have a copy of Brother Nichols' sermon for Sunday, February 17-I didn't get the title of it but it was message on the validity of the Bible. Also may I have some information about the Church of Christ?

Thank you very much.

Sincerely Yours,

(signed-name on file)

Box 187

Butler, Missouri

C O P Y

Butler, Missouri

February 18, 1952

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Thank you very much.

Sincerely Yours,

(signed-name on file)

Box 187

Butler, Missouri

#22

C O P Y

The Merchandise Mart,
Chicago 54, Ill.
August 6, 1952

Dear Brother Nichols:

I am sorry I have been unable to write you sooner, for you have certainly been in my thoughts and remembered in my prayers.

The first day I was able to attend Our Downtown Church was Sunday, July 27, and it makes me the happiest person on earth to tell you that I accepted Christ that day. I was baptized the following evening, and never before have I known such peace of mind since that evening. It is now my only wish to help others find the Way as I have found it. In doing so, I will have found lasting happiness.

I pray that the Herald of Truth may continue on and on, and I will certainly be a Crusader in every possible way. I am certain I would never have known our Lord as I do today if I had not stopped to listen to you that Sunday in March.

Brother Nichols, because I am so grateful to you for all you have done, would you please accept this small personal remembrance from me. This you may know, I shall never forget you so long as I live. I also feel blessed for having found a fine Christian gentleman like our Brother Petty, and all the congregation of the Church.

May God bless you and yours is my earnest prayer.

Sincerely,

Name in File

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#18

C O P Y

July 14, 1952,
Box 9
Bandana, Kentucky

Herald of Truth,
P. O. Box 1264
Abilene, Texas

Dear Brethren:

I believe that the "Herald of Truth" program is the very thing that the church has been needing for a long time. It is the best I have heard.

The nearest station that carries the program is WKTM, Mayfield, Ky. It just started last Sunday. I had heard it in other sections, and was glad to hear that the Mayfield station will carry it.

You are doing a good work.

I will tell others.

Sincerely,

(Name in File)

Abilene Reporter-News

ABILENE, TEXAS, THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 31, 1952

SECTION B

Church of Christ Will Broadcast Nationwide Programs From Abilene

A coast-to-coast radio program supported by members of the Church of Christ will be broadcast weekly over the American Broadcasting Company network beginning Sunday, Feb. 10.

Officers of the Highland St. Church of Christ, in making the announcement here Wednesday, said the program will be called "The Herald of Truth." This is the first time the Church of Christ has used radio on a nation-wide scale.

Members of 125 Texas congregations have been invited to participate in a service at the Municipal Auditorium at Fair Park here at 3 p. m. Sunday, Feb. 3, when the first program will be transcribed for broadcast the following Sunday.

The program will be heard Sundays from 4 to 4:30 p. m. (Abilene time) over KRBC, the American Broadcasting Company's affiliate in Abilene.

SPEAKERS LISTED

James W. Nichols of Abilene, 24-year-old evangelist and graduate of Abilene Christian College, and James D. Willeford, also an ACC graduate from Madison, Wis., will be the principal speakers on the program. Phil Kendrick, Jr., of Abilene, will be the announcer and an a cappella chorus will be under the direction of Leonard Burford and Bill Davis of the ACC music department.

Signing of the contract with ABC was the result of work by Nichols who led a movement that raised \$250,000 from congregations in 39 states. The \$250,000 will finance almost a year of broadcasting.

The program will be under the direction of the elders of the Highland St. Church of Christ.

A group of the newspaper and magazine representatives are to arrive in Abilene Saturday night to attend transcribing of the first program at the Municipal Auditorium Sunday.



Jones-Kennye Photo

JAMES W. NICHOLS

AMBITIOUS ADVENTURE SUCCEEDS

Young Evangelist Raised \$250,000

James W. Nichols, 24-year-old Church of Christ evangelist, never admitted the difficulties he faced when he set out to launch a weekly nationwide radio broadcast for the church.

The Church of Christ had never before undertaken such an ambitious venture. Although it's the sixth largest church group in the nation, the Church of Christ has no central governing body and its members have long taken for granted that projects requiring nationwide coordination are next to impossible.

This week, however, the church signed a one-year contract with the American Broadcasting Company for a 30-minute weekly program to be broadcast from Abilene.

Most of the credit must go to Nichols, a big Texan standing 6 feet, 3 inches and weighing 215 pounds.

SETS UP OFFICE

Four months ago he set up an office here and acted as office manager, promotion man, and talking evangelist. In three months he (1) contacted 9,000 congregations, (2) sent out 50,000 letters

(3) raised \$250,000 which will finance the program for almost a year.

In June of 1947, Nichols, then a recent graduate of ACC, went to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to do graduate work at the State University of Iowa and to do evangelistic work.

A month later he began preaching on radio station WMT. Various Church of Christ congregations underwrote the weekly program covering five states for the next three and a half years.

Encouraged by the response from listeners he began to consider enlarging the radio effort and contacted another young gospel preacher, James D. Willeford of Madison, Wis., who was then being heard over radio station WBA in Madison.

SIX STATIONS

They coordinated the broadcasts so each speaker could be heard

over both stations and then expanded the broadcasts to include other independent stations. By September, 1950, their program was being aired over six stations.

When several radio networks became interested in the program in October, 1951, the elders of the Highland St. Church of Christ were contacted and they assumed responsibility for expending the program into a network broadcast.

It was then that Nichols began his campaign to raise the money. P. S. Kendrick of Abilene, who has been a moving force behind the program since July, 1951, is treasurer for the fund, and the elders of the Highland St. Church of Christ will have direction of the radio evangelistic work.

The first program will be heard from coast to coast at 4 p. m. Sunday, Feb. 10.

C O P Y

Bermuda
June 13, 1952

Dear Mr. Reese,

I'm sure by now you have heard from Bro. Leonard Mullens in Dallas concerning the work in Bermuda and information you were interested in about the Radio Program being broadcast over here. He was here at the time we received your letter and I passed it on to him and felt he could handle it better than we.

At the present there is a group of about 20 people meeting on the Navy Base for worship. We are trying very hard to secure a building in Hamilton and also hope to have a minister over here. A great work could be done here and we are working and praying that we can get help and establish the church here while there are a number of us here.

I wish I knew words to tell you how much we feel the radio program would help over here, especially at this time. The people over here have no idea what the church is and have never heard a Gospel sermon. We are very anxious to know if you feel it will be possible. If by any chance you haven't heard from Bro. Mullens please let us know and we will be more than happy to help in any way we can. If you ever contact anyone interested in the work or who will help us in any way please contact Bro. Mullens, the Edgefield Church in Dallas.

May God bless you in your work and pray for us in what we are trying to do.

Sincerely,

E. J. Gorenflo, Maj. A.C.
Box 336 APO 856
c/o P.M. New York

P.S. Should anyone request information about the church here, they can contact me via 53rd Strat. Recon. Sqdrn., Kindley Air F. Base, Bermuda.

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Dublin, Texas

June 12, 1952

Dear Brother Nichols:

I am enclosing money order for seven dollars (\$7.00) to help with the Herald of Truth broadcast. We enjoy it so much, think it is fine, and try to get others to listen. Thanks so much for the monthly report. I mailed it to my son in Newfoundland. He is in the Army and I thought they might be able to hear the broadcast.

In Christian love,

(signed - name on file)

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C O P Y

Church of Christ,
2821 W. Davis
Dallas, Texas
July 21, 1952

Herald of Truth,
Box 1264
Abilene, Texas

Dear Brethren:

Please send me the booklet, "What must I do to be saved?"
Brother Nichols did a very comprehensive and scriptural
analysis of the plan of salvation in this series of lessons.

Our prayers attend you as you continue to present the best
of lessons and singing. Great good is being done everywhere
with these messages. There are people outside of Christ in
this community who are being slowly lead to Christ by the
seed sown in these broadcasts.

If you ever have opportunity, add the ABC stations in
Sacramento, San Diego and Redding, California, and in
Salem, Oregon. I am personally familiar with these areas
and the stations there. The people in the areas above lis-
ten almost exclusively to their own local stations, and
might never hear the broadcast if it were not presented on
their local stations. Keep up the good work, and may God bless
you abundantly for it.

Yours in Christ,

(Name in File)
Minister

Detroit, Michigan
April 14, 1952

Herald of Truth
Abilene, Texas

Dear Sir:

We listen to your program on Sunday and enjoy it very much. We have attended the Church of Christ here in Detroit. The congregation is so large we haven't had a chance to talk with the pastor, Brother H. Black. We would like to find out for sure what the doctrine of the Church is.

We have heard that the Church teaches that baptism is necessary for salvation. Is this true? I have been baptized by the Baptist Church. Will the Church of Christ accept me into the Church without being baptized again? We are very interested in the Church and would like to learn more about it.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

(signed-name on file)

#23

C O P Y

REVEREND (Name in File)
Detroit 12, Michigan
No date - answered Aug. 2, 1952

Dear Sir:

I enjoyed the service that I heard over the
radio. May the Lord ever bless, and that souls
might be saved.

I would like for you to send me Sermon #21.
Looking to hear from you.

Rev.(Name in File)

C O P Y

Donovan, Illinois

March 2, 1952

Dear Sir:

I heard your radio talk today on station WENR, Chicago, Illinois. I sure did enjoy it. I have for the last two years (after it was pointed out to me) believed that a New Covenant was in force after Christ was resurrected. Would you please send me two copies of your talk on this new covenant as I would like to give one to another party who doesn't believe in this new covenant.

I would like to ask you a few questions also. Do you believe that saved men and women will again live on earth? The Bible says 144,000 will have heavenly life (Rev. 7:1-8; 14:1-4). So the rest that are saved, don't you believe will live on earth again?

The Lord's prayer says, "They will be done on earth as it is in heaven." If not, what does that part of the Lord's prayer mean? Why is it that few people see the right way? Some see it but would not accept it. They have to follow in their neighbor's footsteps instead of Christ's.

Thank you. Hoping to hear from you soon.

Yours truly,

(Signed-Name on file)

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C O P Y

WEST DEARBORN CHURCH OF CHRIST
21110 W. Outer Drive
Dearborn, Michigan
August 11, 1952

Mr. James D. Willeford
Abilene, Texas

Dear Brother Willeford,

I know that you and the other brethren so closely associated with the National Radio program will be glad to learn some of the immediate results from the work. Yesterday, August 10, immediately after your sermon on the conversion of Cornelius I was called to the home of an invalid woman 76 years old to talk with her about her soul salvation. Her opening statement was, "I am not prepared to meet the Lord; I want to be baptized. I have been a Methodist all my life but today I learned the truth about my soul and duty."

Her two daughters, Mrs. _____ and Mrs. _____ and their husbands are all faithful members of the Church here in West Dearborn and had taught her many times but yesterday was the day of her life. I called several members who come to the church building about 3:00 P. M. Because of her age and the fact that she is an invalid two of our deacons assisted me in the act of baptism. Never have I seen daughters and sons-in-law so happy as when Mrs. _____ obeyed her Lord.

After talking with sister _____ further I learned that she had heard many of our gospel preachers in her younger days in Dickson, Tennessee; among them Brother E. R. Harper. Perhaps Brother Harper will remember her and rejoice with us here.

The Church here is helping the program financially in a small way and I hope this will convince even the most skeptical that the gospel over radio still has power to save. If any of the above facts will help strengthen the faith of anyone or lead a soul to Christ feel free to use them. My regards to James Nichols whom I know personally, and our prayers for all of you who are leading this effort.

Fraternally,

(Name in File).

C O P Y

May 4, 1952

Radio Station WXYZ
Detroit, Michigan

Sirs:

I wish to express my appreciation to your station for carrying the "Herald of Truth" program sponsored by the Churches of Christ. There are many listeners in this area. We hope to see this program on television soon.

Sincerely,

M. D. Van Hooser



Phone 4-4161
JONES-KENNYE 225 Sayles Boulevard
Abilene, Texas

Radio Evangelists:
James W. Nichols
James D. Willeford

Announcer:
Phil Kendrick

Radio Treasurer:
P. S. Kendrick

The Herald of Truth

A RADIO PROGRAM
UNDER DIRECTION OF HIGHLAND CHURCH OF CHRIST

Box 1264

Ph. 2-2643

ABILENE, TEXAS

Elders

W. F. Cawyer
W. C. Smith
John F. Reese
J. M. Patterson
L. E. Weathers
W. C. Foutz

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Date.....1952

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We take this means of thanking you for your contribution of.....
You will receive monthly copies of the sermons and progress reports for.....
year(s). This is your official receipt for your donation and an expression of our
appreciation for your help in furthering the Cause of Christ.

Yours in Him,

Elders, Highland Church of Christ

By:

Secretary, Herald of Truth

Darrell Ramsey

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Date.....1952

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We take this means of thanking you for your contribution of.....
as payment on your pledge for the month of..... This is your
official receipt of payment made and an expression of our appreciation for your help
in furthering the Cause of Christ.

Yours in Him,

Elders, Highland Church of Christ

By:

Secretary, Herald of Truth

Darrell Ramsey

C O P Y

Dallas, Texas
February 24, 1952

Box 1264
Abilene, Texas

Dear Brother Nichols and all concerned:

It is a joy and certainly a blessing to hear the Herald of Truth each Lord's Day. It is my fervent hope and prayer that much good will be accomplished through this broadcast. I certainly admire the manner in which the truth is presented.

Concerning questions to be asked, I have two which I desire a scriptural answer. I have heard many opinion, but am not convinced they are correct. What is the sin against the Holy Ghost? Many denominational friends have interrogated me concerning salvation. If they say they believe in faith, confession, repentance, and baptism, are they saved momentary?---To avoid losing any possible hope of their conversion, how would you deal with this problem.

If possible, I would like a copy of HERALD OF TRUTH as presented so far and please place me on the mailing list for any and all subsequent information. Perhaps I will be able to help those whom I come in contact with.

Keep up the good work, I hope many souls will be brought to Christ and may our own eyes be opened to the truth.

Sincerely,

(Signed--Name on file)
2833 Booserean
Dallas, Texas

C O P Y

Church of Christ
(The Plum Street Church of Christ, Inc.)
Halimton and Tuxedo Avenues
Detroit, Michigan

May 19, 1952

Mr. John F. Reese
Herald of Truth
Box 1264
Abilene, Texas

Dear Brother Reese:

Today I am in receipt of the third contact memorandum from you in the past three weeks. I want you to feel assured that these are receiving prompt action. One of them was out of our community and I immediately relayed it to Brother A.J. Kerr with the Wyandotte Church. The other two are in our neighborhood and are good prospects. I'm confident the program is "catching on" and the amount of good will only be measured in eternity.

More power to you brethren in this effort which requires vision and courage. We, here at Hamilton and Tuxedo are with you all the way.

Sincerely

(Name on file)

Hamilton-Tuxedo

Detroit (3) Mich.

C O P Y

Elmsville, N.B., Canada

Herald of Truth Broadcast
(Churches of Christ)
Abilene, Texas, USA

Gentlemen:

I heard your broadcast over WABI, Bangor, Maine, last Sunday afternoon, and it is just what we need more of in this country. A flood of theological terms is not given to the listening audience whose knowledge of such terms is usually either negligible or non-existent; this is a mistake made by so many religious broadcasters today. You make it plain without deviating from the policy of giving the Word of God pre-eminence throughout the sermons.

I am a young Anglican (Church of England in Canada-Protestant Episcopal in the USA) Sunday School teacher, and as we are both in the Matchless Master's service, I would like to ask your help in winning precious souls to Him locally.

I would like copies of any recent sermons you may have on hand for my own use, especially the one I heard on the only broadcast I have heard- -"Bring Christ to the Nation and the Nation to Christ."

In addition, I would like about 50 copies of each sermon you could send me, for regular distribution locally. I shall give your broadcast free promotion as long as it reaches us on this station, such promotion to be given along with the distribution of sermons locally. Do you maintain a mailing list of this sort?

Anything you could tell me about your denominations's credo would be welcome. Are you also known as the Reformed Baptists? The sermons are the same. I mean, they agree with the teachings of Dr. Billy Graham, Dr. Charles E. Fuller, and the Moody Bible Institute, insofar as I have heard, and I believe there are "Churches of Christ" here in New Brunswick somewhere, which I have somehow gotten the idea are also known as Reformed Baptists, but of course there are Reformed Baptists here and there in New Brunswick, too. Could you clear this up for me?

After almost nine years' illness, and a period during which I was crippled as a result of an accident in 1943, I am unable to help your broadcast financially at this time, but I do know from experience that God answers prayer, so you can count on my prayer support.

Please do not use my name on any broadcast, as is the custom on some such programs, as I have heard during the past few years.

Yours in Him,

(signed-name on file)

C O P Y

R.D. # 2

Boyertown, Pa.

Dear Sirs:

I have listened to you on the radio. I read the Bible and believe all of it. There are some things I do not understand, like baptism. On the day of Pentecost Peter commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, and we all baptize in the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Please tell me your thoughts on the three in one. Is there one or three?

May God bless you.

My address is:

(name on file)

Mougers Road--R.D.2

Boyertown, Pennsylvania

PS. Where is your nearest church to Boyertown?

C O P Y

March 11, 1952

James W. Nichols
Box 1264
Abilene, Texas
Church of Christ

Dear Friend:

I heard your broadcast Sunday the 9th for the second time. I have enjoyed both programs because I am a student of the Bible studying with Seventh-Day Adventists. As you follow Scripture so close I thought I'd write and get acquainted.

May I ask if there are any copies left of radio address you announced would be sent if requested? If so I would appreciate one.

There is one question I would like you to answer if you know the answer.

How long did Noah preach before flood and how long was he in building the Ark? And what would you say Gen. 6:3 refers to?

I would appreciate knowing what "Churches of Christ" stand for. If they believe in Divine Healing as Jesus taught and His Disciples later demonstrated?

Hoping to hear from you soon. May God bless your good work in testifying for God from the Scriptures only. "A sure work of prophecy."

Sincerely,

(Signed-name on file)
Box 00, No. 29880
W. Concord, Mass.

C O P Y

#29

El Paso, Texas
June 23, 1952

Herald of Truth
Abilene, Texas

Brethren:

Please send me a copy of the series of radio sermons just completed by Bro. Nichols. I am a member of the Church but I have friends and relatives who listen to the program and are interested. Perhaps by giving them a copy of these sermons to study they may learn the truth.

Don't let anything keep us from continuing these radio programs. It is the greatest thing the Church has done since Penecost.

I weep for joy each Sunday as I sit and listen to the Gospel of Christ preached in Truth and realize that at last the Church of my Lord is coming to the front and that people all over this country are listening. I wish I could write you a check for \$1000 this morning but I can't. All I can do is pray each day for you and the good work you are doing. Be sure I will do that.

In Christian love,

(signed - name on file)



The Herald of Truth
Darrell Ramsey
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YOUNG RADIO SPEAKER ON NATIONWIDE BROADCAST CAME UP THE HARD WAY

At nine years of age, most young fellows are hardly out of their mother's arms. But James D. Willeford of Madison, Wisconsin, stepped out into a big strange world at the age of nine and went on his own. Today he is one of the featured speakers on the nationwide religious broadcast, "THE HERALD OF TRUTH." Directed by churches of Christ, the program is now being heard on 210 ABC and independent stations in this country.

By the time he was nine, James Willeford had lost his father, so his decision to venture out alone was one of necessity rather than of choice. His friends will tell you, however, that young Willeford was as well equipped, mentally and physically, as a nine year old could be to make a way for himself. They'll tell you also how the young boy, the oldest of four children, took the plow handle on the family farm near Gilmer, Texas, and for four straight years harvested a crop, the proceeds of which constituted the family sole support.

When James Willeford was thirteen years of age he lost his mother. He placed one little brother and sister with relatives. Unable to find a home for the youngest child, his little eight year old brother, he took him to the Boles Home, a refuge for orphan children maintained by members of the Churches of Christ at Quinlan, Texas. Entrance was denied

Willeford (Cont'd)

the younger brother because the home was already overcrowded. Taking matters in his own hands, James Willeford told the home superintendent they were both there to stay and if the school didn't want them they would "just have to run them off"... they stayed.

W.W. 30 July 1946
In 194⁷, Willeford went to Madison, Wisconsin, to serve as minister of the Church of Christ there with a total membership of thirty. In three years he built the congregation to 130 members, who purchased a brick building which is completely paid for. The congregation, now completely self-supporting, is helping out other churches of Christ in the upper mid-west. All this has been accomplished in a section of the United States where the Church of Christ is relatively unknown.

Shortly after going to Madison, Willeford began preaching on radio station WIBA. About the same time another young gospel preacher, James W. Nichols of Abilene, Texas, was being heard over radio station WMT in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. They coordinated their efforts so that each speaker could be heard on both stations. These two young men began working to expand these broadcasts to include other independent stations. One by one stations were added so that by September, 1950, the program, "The Herald of Truth," was being heard over a chain of six stations.

At this point, the program was moved to Texas and the network plans moved into high gear. Many national publications have told the story recently of how the money was raised and of how, in three months from the day the nationwide network effort was begun, the program was launched on 105 stations of the American Broadcasting Company. The initial broadcast was heard on February 10, 1952. It now includes 210 radio stations located in 46 states.

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C O P Y

225 S. Union
Emporia, Kansas
April 27, 1952

Herald of Truth

Rev. Nichols

Abilene, Texas

Dear Friends:

I would like a copy of today's message,
"Back to God in Conversion" or sermon #12.
I am a member of the First Christian Church
and I have been listening to your programs
for some time. I can see no difference be-
tween your teachings and ours. Perhaps you
can tell me.

Thank you,

(Signed-Name on file)

225 So. Union

Emporia, Kansas

C O P Y

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Fort Hood, Texas
August 14, 1952

Dear Sirs:

A very good denominational friend of mine stationed here at Fort Hood has attended services of the church several times with me and has expressed a sincere interest in learning more about the New Testament church.

His home is in Charlotte, North Carolina, a city of at least 150,000. I think there is a small congregation in this large metropolitan area, but I'm not sure, therefore, for this reason I'm trying to find out definitely, and thought perhaps you could give me this information. I would like to know the location, and also the minister's name, so I can in turn write to him. In this manner he can know my friend's address and can be expecting to see him when he is released from the Army.

I'm almost sure that the Christian (Disciples of Christ) church will have Church of Christ on their buildings in Charlotte, so I don't want a mistake of this nature to happen in giving him the location of the true church.

Any information you can give me in regard to this matter will be gratefully appreciated. I'm very much interested that he be contacted when he returns to Charlotte.

The "Herald of Truth" in my opinion is one of the greatest advances for the cause of Christ that the church has undertaken. I trust that this work will continue successfully.

Yours in Christ,

(Signed) Name in File

P. S. I would like to obtain a copy of each of the sermons that have been delivered over "The Herald of Truth".

C O P Y

El Paso, Texas
March 24, 1952

Mr. Jim Nichols
Abilene, Texas

Dear Sir:

Although I have never heard your broadcast, I've recently read an account of your work in a current issue of Time. You may be assured that I shall endeavor to hear one of your sermons in the future, because I have an interest in any movement designed to draw the individual to a closer harmony with his God. If I recall correctly, it was Augustine of Hippo who said that God made us for Himself. It is a statement of a great conversion, for he like Patrick and many other great men of God were of their own owning men decidedly pagen in their youth.

From a study of the past and observation of the present I can see very little difference in the goodness of people. The way seems to be just as sparsely occupied then as now. I am inclined to agree with your statement that different denominations spend great sums fostering varying doctrines, for I too am convinced there is but one way, but were we to understand each other better, you would have to learn that we might disagree upon whose way--yours or mine.

I have in the past listened to many great preachers over the radio--George Truitt, the late Dr. Mayer, Fulton Sheen, J. Frank Norris, etc. You may not appreciate being associated with these, but you should recognize the fact that the reason why anyone ever listens, outside of a few who are too lazy to get up and tune the radio, is that they are all looking for the Way. There is a hungering in the soul of mankind to find God. But inasmuch as Christ does not preach a legalistic, hairsplitting, intollerant God, neither should his disciples. You might see a farm of a prior intollerance in my own admission that in all of you who do evangelise there is an intollerance. As a consequence, I am writing a few observations of my own which I feel are the keys to a Christian life.

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First of all, evangelism can only work a fluttering in the heart for greater adventures in store to the Christian traveler. At best it can only point to the way.

Second, there are but a signal few who are so completely converted in a moment that the entire Christian life is opened to them. Most of us find the way narrow, stoney, and tedious.

Third, sin in our life is like a pig in the garden. We aren't so concerned with how it got there as how to get rid of it.

Fourth, we must make prayer an adventure by which we may come into God's august Presence. It was Anthony of Padua who once made the cryptic observation that no man is praying perfectly who is conscious that he is praying.

Fifth, sin is the worst thing in life because it separates man from God, but prayer is the best thing because it unites us with Him. We cannot go to Him and away from him at the same time.

Last, there is more to being a Christian than preaching, listening, reading, studying, or any act of performance, regardless of how helpful these may be. Acts of prayer, consecration, communion, and sacrifice are vastly more important, but like all good things are misused and/or misunderstood. Christ witnessed them and was likewise abused.

Perhaps you will find my words dull and the general tone odd and filled with lackluster. My Lord knows how poorly equipped I am to instruct others, but you may be completely assured that all I've written comes honestly from my heart, and since none of us could know all, it is my wish that I have offered something which may be of use to you.

Let us also pray that in God's good time we may all be united in a Universal Church on this earth, for I believe that there is no such division in the hereafter.

Faithfully,

(signed-name on file)

P.S.

If you can find use for any of the foregoing, please feel free to do so as it were your own, but I expressly request that my name be not used publicly.

C O P Y

Fort Collins, Colorado
June 14, 1952

The Herald of Truth
Box 1264
Abilene, Texas

Dear Brethren:

Please accept our appreciation for the
"Contact Memorandum" that we received in
yesterdays mail.

In this case the lady in question is a member of the church, but the next one might not be, so we do appreciate your very fine program and the splendid manner in which you follow up these leads.

Yours in Christ,

(signed-name on file)

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C O P Y

Central Church of Christ
Macon, Ga.
July 9, 1952

The Herald of Truth,
P. O. Box 1264
Abilene, Texas

Dear Brethren:

When the Central Church of Christ began to sponsor the Herald of Truth over our local ABC Station, we did not anticipate such enthusiastic reception as it is experiencing in this section. All of us are well pleased with it. We think the quality of the program and the manner of presentation is of the best. As I listen to those songs, and the plain gospel truth being heard by thousands of the unsaved (perhaps for the first time), I am thrilled beyond words to express.

In this city of about one hundred thousand people there are only two loyal congregations totaling about three hundred members. We believe that the Herald of Truth is a great help in sowing the Seed and strengthening the Cause in this section. We have a number of new listeners to our local daily program as a result of your program. It is sincerely believed that the dividends will more than justify the cost of this program. We are advertising the Herald of Truth in every way we can.

In your monthly report you list the ABC station in Macon as WBML. It should be listed as WNEX (1280 Kc) Please make this correction.

May the Lord richly bless you in this great work.

Sincerely,

Name in File.

C O P Y

Winston Salem, N. C.
Post Office Box 126
June 15, 1952

Herald of Truth
Rev. James Nichols
Abilene, Texas.

Dear Rev. Nichols:

I have just been listening to your Message on the radio. WSJS. "What Must I do to be Saved?? Now, My Dear Friend, this is a matter that concerns me so much. Will you please tell me what to do to be saved and how to do it and I will obey you and will meet you in Heaven.

Please send me the sermon No. 19, or that which will direct me what to do to be saved.

I have been practicing Law for the past 40 years, and I realize that I am lost and I want to be saved.

God bless you in your work for Christ in saving souls.

Faithfully yours,

(signed - name on file)

C O P Y

Fresno 4, California
June 29, 1952

Dear Sir:

Having heard your program "Herald of Truth" this afternoon on the radio I certainly enjoyed it and received a blessing from it. I deeply appreciate the ministry of music from the choir. May God continue to prosper your program.

I am interested in your booklet on How To Be Saved and would like to have one if you will send it to me.


Thank you very much and may the Lord bless you.

Sincerely yours,

(signed - name on file)




Phone 4-4161
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Abilene, Texas



**What
Must**

**I
Do**



By James W. Nichols

What Must I Do

It was late at night in the Macedonian town of Philippi. It had been an unusual night for the keeper of the Roman jail and the men who were in prison for two of the prisoners instead of bemoaning their fate, cursing their malafactors, and crying over their wounds, had been singing hymns and praying to an unknown God. This alone would have made the night strange, but then there came a great earthquake that shook the very foundation, broke open the doors, and loosed the bonds of every prisoner. The jailer being aroused from his sleep was gripped with fear, for the prison doors being open must indicate that the prisoners had escaped. To the jailer it seemed that it was the climax of a trouble filled night, for with the prisoners gone death was waiting, for his life would be taken as a ransom for the freedom of the prisoners. But the prisoners had not escaped. Possibly they waited with bated breath, for should the jailer take his life the way would be clear for their escape. But no, these strange men whose plans must have brought about the occasion, made themselves even stranger by crying out and staying the sword in the jailer's hand. Immediately he called for light, sprang in and fell at the feet of the two men whom we know to be Paul and Silas, and asked that all-important question, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Some might say that he was asking of his personal safety for he feels himself at the mercy of the prisoners. But regardless of that which motivated that searching question, Paul and Silas gave him an answer that probed deeper than the organ that merely pumps life blood. They gave an answer that would cure the ills of that which distinguished man from being a mere animal. They answered for his safety throughtout time without end.

From the very beginning of man's path of sin this question has troubled the aching heart and troubled mind of mankind. And until man ceases to inhabit this earth, man, whether he be a native of the jungles of Africa or the South Seas; whether he be a citizen of this nation or some other country on the other side of the globe, will be stirred to cry aloud, "What must I do to be saved?" Many have been the answers, and many more there will be, but the greatest tragedy of all is that the vast majority of them are false and will seal the doom of the souls of men with vain hope. It is not difficult to realize that only a Saviour of a doomed man can answer this question. It is as true whether it be in the courts of human judgment or in the halls of divine justice. This question of "What must I do to be saved" so shakes my soul that I shall not be satisfied with any answer lest from the lips of the wonderful Saviour, or from His inspired ambassadors as we find recorded in God's Holy Word. To be saved impresses in no uncertain terms that there is a condition from which the soul is crying or will cry for escape. There is no man, woman, boy, or

girl who can read the Holy Word of God and believe it without also believing that there is a hell. Just as surely as there is night and day, death and then life again, there is a hell and there is a heaven. Then our quest is what must I do to escape the fires of hell and enter through the portals of heaven. It is our humble prayer that we may diligently study together, not the words and works of men but the Holy Writ of God, that by knowing the truth the truth might free us from the bonds of sin. It is both a simple and difficult task; simple because God's word is plain, but difficult because man has been steeped in the hopeless plans of men for man's salvation. It is a difficult task to erase the prejudice, mistaken ideas, and even superstition concerning God's dealing with man. But I believe all those who are in the audience today have a firm realization that life is too short, eternity too long, and the fires of hell too hot for us to regard lightly the question of our salvation.

If we could have implanted in the bedrock of our minds the fact that only by the cross and its message can we have hope, we would have a firm basis on which to embrace the answer to this question. The poet has said, "The cross! there, and there only (though the deist rave, and atheists, if earth bears so base a slave); there and there only, is the power to save." The apostle Paul was moved to say in Gal. 6:14, "But far be it for me to glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world hath been crucified unto me, and I unto the world." It was according to God's will that Christ should pour out his blood at Calvary that the sins of wayward man might be blotted out. I don't care what the plan or scheme may be, if it leaves out the cross and the blood that was shed on the cross, it is not worth the time spent in proclaiming, nor the paper upon which it is written. Remember my friends as we study the Word, that God's way was purchased and made possible there on the brow of Calvary. Then, whatever God, by His Son, has required of us is sacred because its author is God, its spokesman is Christ, and its price the blood of Jesus. I say again, if this one fact could be instilled in the hearts of men, we would cease to be indifferent and even rebel at the thought of tampering with God's simple commandments.

So then, the first thing that man must do is to open his heart to that wondrous story of love and hear masterful words of hope through Christ. It is impossible for a man to draw nigh unto the Christ and Saviour whom he knows not. Paul said in Romans 10:17, "So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." I don't believe that there is a religious order of any kind that does not believe that faith is the very basis of man's part in his redemption. But Paul says that this faith can only come by hearing the Word of God. It comes not as a direct gift from God to man, after man's much pleading on his part, but by the diligent, earnest hearing of God's Word.

There are several types of hearers that we will merely men-

tion that we do not want to be like. The first is the man who hears not, because that he refuses to hear. I've known men who have actually feared death so much that they refused to listen to others who told of death. Remember, no matter how much we stop our ears we cannot erase the reality of the judgment and of heaven and hell. There is another group who hear, but only that which they want to hear. They have no qualms about taking a passage of scripture and actually cutting it in two, in order that they might hear only that which tickles their ears. Paul writing to Timothy in II Timothy 4:1-4 said, "I charge thee in the sight of God, and of Christ Jesus, who shall judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word, be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine; but having itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside unto fables."

And then there are friends of mine who hear only when they want to hear. Someone has called them "Sunday Christians," or "periodical Christians." They pretend they enjoy hearing God's word on occasions, but refuse to be reminded of God's way at any other time of their life. But perhaps the most pitiful group are those who strive to hear but cannot. Their ears are filled with the wax of false doctrine. Not until we put aside these false conceptions will we be able to hear the Word of God.

There is a last group who actually do not know how to hear. They know not the division of the scriptures or how they apply to us. Paul told Timothy "Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of Truth." (II Timothy 2:15). "To handle aright" means to rightly divide and unless we discern the scriptures we will find ourselves lost in our quest for God.

It is my fervent prayer that none of us will be any of these, but that we may study the word of God with the attitude that I want to know the truth, and if I have been wrong, I want to know what is right. Not only knowing it, but I pray that I may have the courage and humility to obey it. I look about and behold the fading pleasures and passing friends, I am made to realize in the words of the poet,

DEATH

I am a stranger in the Land
Where my forefather trod;
A stranger I unto each heart,
But not unto my God:
I pass along the crowded streets,
Unrecognized my name;
This thought will come amid regrets---
My God is still the same!
I seek with joy my childhood's home,
But strangers claim the sod;

Not knowing where my kindred roam,
Still present is my God!
They tell me that my friends all sleep
Beneath the valley clod;
Oh, is not faith submissive sweet:
I have no friend save God!

--- Unknown

Saving Faith

The writer of Romans tells us that "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God." Yet man has been confused and misled in this matter of faith. One teaches that we are saved by faith alone, another teaches that it is only by works; and still another teaches that neither one of these has its part in God's plan, but that man is selected before his birth either for salvation or damnation. But let us remember that in these philosophies and doctrines of men there is no hope. God rebuked Peter on the Mount of Transfiguration for trying to put Moses and Elijah on the same basis of authority in religion as of Christ by saying, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him." Matt. 17:5. Oh, how we need that very rebuke today. If Moses and Elijah could not arise to the height of Christ, most certainly the uninspired founders of denominationalism cannot. We must hear only Christ our Lord and Saviour.

But from that hearing there must arise a faith in Christ strong enough to move us to obey His commandments. Unless there is such faith we cannot be saved. Some people say, "I believe in Christ, but I don't believe that he expects us to do all He has commanded us to do." That isn't the saving faith of the Bible. Let us suppose that you are in a deep well and there is no way of escape. The walls are too steep to climb out, and in the depths of blackness and slime you are doomed to die. But there happens by one who has pity on you and shouts down to tell you that he will save you. You most certainly would not cry that you want him to save you only as you want to be saved; but you would do anything that he told you to do. So it must be the same way in our quest for salvation. Perhaps we don't understand why Christ commands us to do something; yet it is not for the lost to question, but to accept. In our soul's salvation there must basically be faith that moves us to know fully God's will and to obey that will. The writer of Hebrews in Heb. 11:6 says, "And without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is and is a rewarder of them that diligently seek after Him."

The saving faith of the New Testament includes obedience, for Christ said in John 3:36 in the Revised Version, "He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life; but he that obeyeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth upon Him." See, here the Lord uses the words "believeth" and "obeyeth"

as synonymous terms. When man is saved by faith, it is a faith that motivates action.

Paul went to the city of Corinth to preach the Gospel, and as a result of his preaching in the synagogues, Crispus, the chief ruler, was converted. Yet, when that conversion was reported by Luke, it is said only that he believed. "And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing, believed, and were baptized." Acts 18:8. What was it Crispus did in becoming a Christian? All the account says is that he believed. I wonder if he repented of his sins. It doesn't say anything about it. It just says that he believed, and that is all there is said in the whole book of Acts about the conversion of Crispus.

Now then, if we can show that Crispus did other things in that conversion, then we must accept the fact that belief included those things. Later on, Paul wrote a letter to these Christians at Corinth and reproved them for wearing the name of men. Oh, how we need such a reproof today! But anyway, Paul tells them that he is glad that he didn't baptize any of them, lest they should call themselves of the religion of Paul. In I Cor. 1:13-16, he says, "Is Christ divided, was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you save Crispus and Gaius, lest any man should say that ye were baptized unto my name. And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides I know not whether I baptized any other." Then in the conversion of Crispus, Paul baptized him, but the book of Acts speaks of him as believing. Certainly this shows that the word "believe" embraces the whole conversion, including that of baptism.

I have one more example that I want you to think about today, and that is the Philippian jailer, whom we talked about last week. You remember how he called for lights and sprang in, and trembling for fear, fell down before Paul and Silas and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Paul's answer is found in Acts the 16th chapter, when he said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus and thou shalt be saved, thou and thy house." Here was a man who was asking what to do to be saved, and he was told to believe. Now let us read the 34th verse: "And he brought them up into his house, and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, with all his house, having believed in God." Now here in the 34th verse is a man who is not trembling and crying, but who is happy and rejoicing for he is saved. The scriptures say he believed in God. Between the 31st verse and the 34th verse the jailer has obeyed that command to believe. But let us read verses 32 and 33, and we can see what he did in the process of believing: "And they spake the Word of the Lord unto him, with all that were in the house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes, and was baptized, he and all his, immediately." There you see the whole story. He heard the Word. The word led him to place his trust in God and in believing, he

repented as evidenced by the washing of their stripes, and was baptized. So, even in this passage that is so often misapplied, we see that belief included the whole process of conversion.

But again, how do we receive our faith? Not by praying for it. Not by some miraculous manner, but by hearing the Word of God. "So belief cometh by hearing and hearing by reading the Word of God. Rom. 10:17. Remember it doesn't come by reading the doctrines of men, but by the Word of God. And the saving faith of the Bible is a faith that moves men to obedience, for the writer of Hebrews says in Heb. 5:9, "He (speaking of Christ) became unto all them that obey Him the author of eternal salvation." My friends, won't you place your faith in God and His holy word? Faith can do such mighty and marvelous things.

It lifts the soul, opens the eyes, and strengthens the heart. It throws back that dark veil of death and allows the sweet strains of the redeemed as they sing, to fill our hearts and our lives. Oh, my eyes have never with rapt vision spurned this material universe to which they are adjusted and beheld a gleam from the great city of God, but by the great telescope of faith I have dipped in the great beyond and beheld the New Jerusalem. "We walk by faith and not by sight."

FAITH

I will not doubt, though all my ships at sea
Come drifting home with broken masts and sails;
I shall believe the Hand which never fails,

From seeming evil worketh good to me;
And, though I weep because those sails are battered,
Still will I cry, while my best hopes lies shattered,
"I trust in Thee."

I will not doubt, though all my prayers return
Unanswered from the still, white realm above;
I shall believe that it is an all-wise Love
Which has refused those things for which I yearn:
And though, at times, I cannot keep from grieving,
Yet the pure ardor of my fixed believing,
Undimmed shall burn.

I will not doubt, though sorrows fall like rain,
And troubles swarm like bees about a hive;
I shall believe the heights for which I strive,
Are only reached by anguish and by pain;
And though I groan and tremble with my crosses,
I yet shall see, through my severest losses,
The greater pain.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Godly Sorrow

Sorrow in any man's life, at the time, seems as a disaster, but it has been from the depth of sorrow and disappointment that many a masterpiece has been created. So it is with godly sorrow Paul thanks God for that sorrow which changes man's life, for he says in II Cor. 7:9-10, "Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death."

We have found that this saving faith is a faith of action. Apart from the works of conversion, it becomes a dead faith. James said, "Faith without works is dead," James 2:26. Merely giving a consent of the mind to the validity of a matter does not constitute saving faith. James reminds us again that, "The demons believe and shudder." Thus saving faith is as a watch. I can take off the back of the watch and look at the works. There are many parts, but they make up the one watch. If I were to take out a part of, or all the works of faith, then it is a dead faith; it is empty. Yet we call the consent of the mind, faith, although it is as useless as the empty watch.

Therefore, having found that the mercy and grace of God demand a live and working faith to receive His salvation, we must seek, by the word of God, to find and determine the commandments given to lost man. That has been God's plan from the beginning, that, although He comes more than half way to save man, man must put forth his hand, through the Lord's commandments, to accept the grace of God. So may our prayer be that we may open our hearts to the word and hear the commandments---eager to obey.

Since "Christ died for us while we were yet sinners", true repentance must immediately follow our conviction "that God is and that He is the rewarder of them that diligently seek after Him", and yet is the avenger of those who reject and disobey Him. We must have a change of heart. We must turn from our sins and resolve to walk in them no more. Some people get mixed up and confuse repentance and remission. We must remember that repentance is a man's part, and remission is God's part. We cannot be converted to Christianity with sin in our hearts and still be proud of it. I am sorry to say that there are many who have gone through the process of conversion, but were never converted because they never repented from the heart. Christ told the multitudes, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish," Luke 13:3.

It seems that men in all ages have understood the meaning of repentance. Even back in the times of Job, men understood repentance. When all of Job's friends thought he was suffering because of sin, one of them, Zophar, in trying to help Job out of

his troubles, called his attention to repentance in these wonderful words: "If thou set thy heart aright, and stretch out thy hands toward Him; if iniquity be in thy hand, put it far away, and let not unrighteousness dwell in thy tents." Job 11:13. There could be found no better call and understanding of repentance than from these words of one of the Bible's oldest books.

We could spend all our time just bringing out the instances of repentance in the Old Testament, but turning to the New Testament we can see the preaching of repentance as even the first beams of light appear over the horizon to foretell the coming of a new day. John, the forerunner of the Master, preaching to the multitudes in the wilderness of Judea said, "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." We can hear him as he shouts the warning to "bring forth fruits worthy of repentance." Then we can hear the Son of God as He walked among men, taking up the same warning note and crying, "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," Matt. 4:17. Then for the rest of His life, three and a half years, Christ, with His disciples, went about calling the people to repentance. After His work had been finished, after He had suffered death on the cross of Calvary and had conquered death by coming forth on the third day, we can hear Him say, just before He ascends to the Father, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer, and rise again from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name unto all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem." Luke 24:46-47.

After He spoke these words to the chosen number, they beheld Him ascend on the clouds into the heavens. Then that group went to Jerusalem according to the commandments. There waiting for the promised power to "guide their minds in all truth," they prayed to God. On the day of Pentecost, while they were all together, the spirit of God descended upon them, and they were endowed with the divine power to do what Jesus told them. What was it that Jesus told them? "Repentance and remission of sins shall be preached in His name, beginning at Jerusalem." Then with that power they began to preach, and the multitudes came together and heard Peter preach that marvelous sermon.

When they heard the words spoken, they realized that they had killed the Saviour. "They were pricked in their hearts, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Brethren, what shall we do?" And Peter said unto them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit," Acts 2:37-38. So the apostles had begun that very thing that Christ said should be done, "Repentance and remission of sins preached in Jerusalem in His name." When it was preached by the Spirit-guided apostles, they must have said just the right thing in the right way. And Peter said, "Repent and be baptized for the remission of sins."

Is it possible, my friends, that we are doing wrong today when we tell convicted souls who are as anxious as those in the long ago to "repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus for the remission of your sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit?"

In this plan we notice that repentance was and is as necessary to the remission of sins as baptism. Repentance straightens up the life; it turns a man right about in his own mind. Baptism, an obedient act to the will of Christ, and connected with genuine repentance, is for the remission of the sins for which the believer has repented.

Now, what is repentance? "Or despiseth thou the riches of His goodness and forbearance and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance," Romans 2:4. From this verse we learn that we are led to repentance by the goodness of God. That goodness of God is revealed in the life and death of His only Son, Jesus the Christ. As we study the life of the Perfect Being, and see the beauty of holiness manifested through His earthly pilgrimage, then follow Him to Calvary and watch Him suffer there, dying for our sins, making it possible for poor sinners to be saved, and to become children of God, we ask why all this glow of love, why all this display of goodness? What wondrous love, Oh my soul! And the answer comes back in this text, "The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance."

Again, hear Paul to the Corinthians: "I now rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye were made sorry unto repentance; for ye were made sorry after a godly sort, that ye might suffer loss by us in nothing. For godly sorrow worketh repentance unto salvation, a repentance that bringeth no regret; but the sorrow of the world worketh death," II Cor. 7:9-10.

Then the story of redeeming love that will naturally touch and tender the hearts of men is a godly testimony. And godly testimony is intended to lead men to godly sorrow. Godly sorrow will work repentance, and without repentance men must perish. Therefore, Jesus died to make a way possible for sinful men to escape that perishing, eternal death. Hence "we love Him because He first loved us."

From our study, we conclude that godly sorrow is not repentance---but it leads to repentance. Also, we conclude that reformation is not repentance, but the result of repentance. Then, what is repentance? Before we answer let us notice a few scriptural statements. "But what think ye? A man had two sons; and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go work today in the vineyard. And he answered and said, 'I will not; but afterward he repented himself and went,' Matt. 21:28-29. Here we understand that this boy changed his mind and did that which he had said he would not do. Jesus said, that was repentance. "He repented himself." "The men of Nineveh shall stand up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, a greater than

Jonah is here." Matt. 12:41. What did Jesus say about the men of Ninevah? "For they repented at the preaching of Jonah." Now we will turn to the account given by Jonah and see what they did. "And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way," Jonah 3:10. "They turned from their evil way." What was that, Jesus? "They repented."

Now we know what Jesus calls repentance. When men turn from their evil way, that is repentance. Reformation is the result of turning from evil---therefore, reformation is the result of repentance. Repentance, then, is the change of heart, the determination of the will to do better and leave off evil.

Sinners are told to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins. They are told to determine to do better, leave off evil, change their hearts, then be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of these sins. That means for the pardon of these sins. It is possible for baptized believers to sin. And when they do, the remedy for them includes repentance. To the believing, baptized Simon of old, who had sinned, Peter said, "Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray the Lord, if perhaps the thought of thy heart shall be forgiven thee," Acts 8:22.

Before the erring child can call for mercy and forgiveness, he must repent. Therefore the erring saint must determine to do better, leave off evil, change his purpose before he approaches the throne of God for forgiveness. However, if he will willingly bow to this law of pardon, God has promised to forgive.

Then seeing that repentance of sins is a part of God's plan to save man, may we truly repent of every sin and turn to follow the other commandments of love. It is my prayer that the goodness of God will bring godly sorrow to the door of your heart. Then in the depths of sorrow, you may turn your heart and life to Christ. It is a miserable soul indeed that cannot repent. It is sad, indeed, to know that lips cannot form the words, "I've done wrong. I'm sorry and I'm going to change." I would to God that today you might say in the words of David of old, "Have mercy upon me, Oh God, according to thy loving kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest." Psalms 51:1-4.

Confession Of Our Faith

One of the greatest promises that man has ever received is that which was spoken by Jesus in Matthew the tenth chapter, thirty-second verse: "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever

shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." By faith I can behold all the billions who have lived and who will ever live on this earth, gathered before the throne of God, with Christ standing there in all of his glory, judging every man. As he finds a man who has confessed Him in both word and deed, according to His commandment, He turns to the Father and perhaps utters these words: "Father, this one, my brother and thy son, has been faithful to the trust that was left him. His robe is white, his hands clean; may we bless him with the joys of everlasting life?" Think of it. Christ standing there before every man, woman, boy or girl who has walked the paths of earth, before angels and before God himself, confessing our name because that we were willing to confess His foremen. Oh, it is the desire of my heart to some day hear those glad words, and I know it is yours also.

The majority of all religious people are able to understand that confession of our faith in Christ and God is one of the necessities of salvation. Therefore, as we, with searching hearts, study to know what we must do to be saved we must not overlook the study of this phase.

There are, perhaps, many who give assent of their mind to Christ, but who, as spineless, cowardly individuals, cannot muster the courage nor the stamina to let others know the thoughts of their hearts. There were men like that in the time of Christ, for John, inspired by the Holy Spirit, tells us in John 12:42-43, "Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him lest they should be put out of the synagogue: For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God." You know, and I know that such creatures who will sacrifice their own faith and conscience, amount to very little, but unfortunately we have men such as that today.

This is one of the answers to why our nation is so corrupt. It is not just our leaders who sacrifice faith and conscience, but it is the thousands of little people like you and me, who by our spineless attitude, have undermined, not only our morals, but the morals of the nation. Too many of us have become "yes" men in every sort of situation. We are willing to go with the crowd. We are just like those rulers in Jesus' time. If men curse, we will curse. If our associates commit fornication and adultery, we will follow in their footsteps. If our so-called friends ridicule those who have the courage to stand for the right, we will echo their sneer. Others drink, dance, so we will drink and dance.

We have no right as citizens of this nation, to censure the spineless attitude of our politicians when we are just as spineless in our stand for righteousness. Too many of us have loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. And remember that you are not going to be saved just because you may have at some time in a vast audience or seated by your radio, weakly said, "I believe." Paul said in Romans the 10th chapter and the 10th

verse, "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Our faith is useless unless it is expressed by both word and deed. There is no place in God's plan of salvation for us to hide our faith under a bushel. The saving faith of the Bible is a faith that must be confessed in both word and deed, and it was for that reason that the Apostle Paul said, "With the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

I don't know how thinking men, who are Bible students, can think for one moment that faith alone ever did, or ever will, justify the sinner. James tells us in the second chapter, 14th through the 20th verses, "What doth it profit, my brethren, if a man say he hath faith, but have not works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked and in lack of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Go in peace, be ye warmed and filled; and yet ye give them not the things needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it have not works, is dead in itself. Yea, a man will say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith apart from thy works, and I by my works will show thee my faith. Thou believest that God is one; thou doest well: the demons also believe, and shudder. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith a part from works is barren?" James is just saying that you must proclaim your faith by word of mouth, and yes, by deed, or else it is useless---dead. My heart bleeds when I think of the men and women who will be lost because in some way they convinced themselves that all that was necessary was for them to believe or give assent of the mind. Remember, saving faith is a faith of confession in word and action. No matter how great faith within is, or how good morally our lives be, unless we are willing to express vocally and in action the faith of the heart, then that faith is useless and vain. James continued in the 21st verse through the 26th verse, "Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." It should be simple for us to see from these passages of scripture that one of the very vital things that God commands, in answer to the question, "What must I do to be saved?", is to confess Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in both word and deed.

It is my prayer that there are those of you who will have the courage, and yes, the love for Christ that you will say, "I am not ashamed of Him, and I am going to obey His will." I believe with all my heart that until millions of us, in this, our

nation, have that faith and courage to stand for what we believe, we are not going to be able to cure our political corruption. This revival must not begin with somebody else, but it must begin with you.

I want us to see one more phase of this command of confession. I don't believe that there is a man who can scripturally separate the different actions of conversion and base their salvation on any one of these acts. A man is foolish who thinks that he can take a watch apart and attribute the effectiveness of that machine to one part. You take the watch apart, and it ceases to run. When men take God's plan of conversion apart, it ceases to be effective. James says, "Faith without works is dead." We recognize that it is faith in the greatness and goodness of God that leads a man to repent and turn aside from sin. It is the same faith that moves man to proudly proclaim that belief and willingly confess the name of Jesus Christ by being buried in the watery grave of baptism for the remission of their sins. Yes, that is what I said, baptism is part of the confession of our faith, and confession is part of repentance, and all of these parts are of our saving faith. Someone has said, "Actions speak louder than words," and though there may be in our hearts a feeling that Christ is the Son of God, and though we have expressed with our lips that faith, unless we confess in deed the fact that Christ is the Son of God, we have failed to obey God's answer to our question. "What must I do to be saved?" Romans the 6th chapter, 1st through the 6th verses, unfolds to us the marvelous facts of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ that we confess in baptism: "Know ye not, that as many of us are baptized into Christ were baptized into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin."

Buried With Our Lord

If we were told that we would receive a reward if we climbed to the top of a ladder, it would be exceedingly foolish for us to climb part of the way, then decide to stop. Yet many of our religious neighbors do that very thing in religion. We are promised salvation if we obey the commandments of the Lord. Sincere men and women will set about to obey the commandments and succeed in doing part of them, but there they stop to say, "Well, I've done this much and so I'll just stop here; if there is anything else, it is probably unimportant anyway." But, my friends, the promise is given only if we obey the commandments, not just part of them. We must finish the climb. The apostle Paul told Timothy that if one expects to win the crown, as in the Olympic

racers, he must contend according to the rules. "And if any man strive for masteries, yet he is not crowned unless he strive lawfully." II Timothy 2:5. So having heard the Word or Story of Christ and believing in Him, we should repent of every sin, confessing the Lord in word. But let us not stop there, let us as penitent believers be baptized, thereby the question arises: "Who should be baptized?" One cannot be scripturally baptized until he has heard the Word of God. One would not know to be baptized until the story and gospel of Christ has been told. Baptism is peculiar to Christianity. The Ethiopian Eunuch was leaving the city of Jerusalem in a chariot. As he was going along he read the Old Testament. While the Eunuch was traveling, the spirit of the Lord came to a preacher, Philip, and told him to go down to the road that went to Gaza. This was the road the Eunuch was on. Well, Philip found the Eunuch going along, reading the Word of God. He asked the Eunuch, "Understandest thou what thou readest?" The Eunuch told him he didn't, and needed a guide. So, here Philip saw an opportunity to preach the gospel. He climbed into the chariot and beginning with that very scripture, found in Isaiah 53:7-8, preached unto him Jesus. The scripture says, "And as they went on their way they came unto a certain water: and the Eunuch said, See, here is water: what doth hinder me to be baptized?" Acts 8:26-40. Where did the Eunuch learn about this baptism and that it was to be administered with water? He didn't learn it from the Old Testament. There's just no mention of it found there. Baptism is found in no pagan religion. Then he must have heard about it in Philip's sermon on Jesus. He had to hear before he was ready for baptism. Then again we find in the 18th chapter of Acts that, "Many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized," Acts 18:8. There is no scriptural reference where anyone was ever baptized without first hearing the gospel story. So, one of the prerequisites of baptism is hearing the gospel.

Yet, from the above passage we see that faith must also precede baptism. Believers were the only ones ever baptized in New Testament times. Get down the Bible and you will find this to be the case every time. Christ said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Mark 16:15. The people, on the day of Pentecost after the death of Christ, believed that the one they had crucified was truly the Son of God. Then believing that fact, they cried out to the apostles, wanting to know what they should do. Peter answering them said, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit," Acts 2:38. Baptism was, and still is, in the sight of God the demonstration of man's faith in Christ and God.

Yet, Peter told that crowd that though they believed they should repent, and the commandment of repentance preceded the one of baptism. Then repentance is also a prerequisite of baptism.

Therefore, we may conclude that the penitent believer, having

heard the Gospel of Christ was, and is, the proper subject for baptism.

In the record of the New Testament there is not one example found of the baptism of an infant. Churches of Christ do not baptize infants, for the subject must hear, believe, and repent. Babies are born pure and free from sin, for Christ said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me; forbid them not: for to such belongeth the kingdom of God," Mark 10:14. If infants could be baptized, and all were baptized, it would be impossible to obey Christ by baptizing believers.

But there then arises the question, "Why should we be baptized?" Well, first of all, we must be baptized for Christ commanded it. I cannot understand why some want to claim that baptism is not important or not essential to salvation. I do not believe the Holy Spirit wasted one word; I believe that every word put in the Bible was put there because it was needed. Therefore, it is not for me or any other to say that this is important or that is unimportant. When Christ gave the great commission to His disciples, that commission involved the baptizing of those who believed. The command of baptism is just as strong as the command to preach. Christ said, "Go ye and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo! I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Matt. 28:19-20. I am sure that there is not one that would deny that we must preach Christ. Well, how can we overlook this commandment of Christ that goes hand in hand with it? How can we overlook the commandment of baptism?

Then again, remember that when Peter confessed Jesus as the Son of God, Christ told him, "And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven," Matt. 16:19. So Peter was empowered by the Lord to bind whatsoever he would. On the day of Pentecost the question was asked what to do to be saved, and Peter said for them to "be baptized for the remission of sins," Acts 2:38. Peter bound that as a condition of salvation, so it is not for anyone else to try to take it away.

Yet, not only is it a commandment, but it also saves us. Peter said it was for the remission of sins. Some of my friends maintain the "for" means because the sins had already been taken away. Turn to Matt. 26:28. There Christ said, "For this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." Does that mean that Christ shed blood on Calvary because the sins of man had already been taken away? Does this mean that Christ lived and died in vain? Most certainly not. It means that He shed His blood that man might obtain remission of sins, and it means that baptism in Acts 2:38 is in order that man might obtain the forgiveness of sins. Then again Peter says in I Pet. 3:21, "Baptism doth now also save us (not

the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

In every case of conversion in the book of Acts, where the conversions are described, baptism is part of that conversion. You can't separate baptism and Christianity.

Again, baptism puts us in the body of Christ or the Church. Paul says in Galatians 3:27, "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." He then says in I Corinthians 12:13, "For by one spirit are we all baptized into one body." The body of Christ is the Church. God hath given authority to Christ "and put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head of all things to the Church, which is His body." Then we are baptized into the body, which is the Church. Some again would change the will of the Lord. They say "Oh, you must be baptized, but it is to get in the church, and you do not have to be baptized to be saved." But the scripture says that baptism does save us. They make it harder to get in the church than to get to heaven. If their reasoning were true, even though it cannot be, the church would not be necessary, and since Christ died to establish it, He died in vain. I'm sure we will not believe such doctrine.

What Is Scriptural Baptism?

We have seen thus far that baptism is essential, but what is scriptural baptism? Paul says it is a burial in Romans 6:4, "Therefore we were buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also can walk in newness of life." Again in Colossians 2:12, "Buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with Him through faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead." But what does it mean to be buried? It means to be under something. The word baptism comes from the Greek word baptizo, which meant and only meant to immerse or to dip. The word used in the New Testament never meant to sprinkle or pour, but only to immerse or submerge. The idea or law created by man for sprinkling was introduced by Pope Stephen II of the Catholic Church in 753, over 700 years after Christ had given the commandments and over 600 years after the last Spirit-guided apostle had died. It was not until 1311 in Ravenna that a law was passed by a Catholic council to declare immersion or sprinkling as indifferent. These facts are not of my own making, but may be found in the Edinburg Encyclopedia.

But in what are we to be immersed? It is said in John 3:23, "And John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there." So, baptism is of water. Yet again, after the Ethiopian Eunuch had heard the gospel, he knew that baptism was of water, for he said, "See, here is water, what doth hinder me from being baptized. And they both went down into the water, both Philip and the Eunuch, and he baptized him,

and they came up out of the water," Acts 8:36. Why do you suppose the Holy Spirit went to so much trouble to emphasize the water as the element of baptism, and that to be baptized you must go down into it? Could it have been because he knew that some would say that baptism didn't mean an immersion in water, but a sprinkling or something else? If the Eunuch was only to be sprinkled, why did they both go down into the water? These questions can only be answered by realizing that God meant baptism to be a burial in water.

Before we close there is one other question that we should consider more completely. Some perhaps still ask "How can baptism save us?"

The apostle Peter says, "There is no other name under heaven whereby we must be saved." Nothing but the Lord Jesus Christ; no other name; no other way can save us from our sins. James Nichols; the preacher, can't save us; no preacher under heaven can save us. Any man or woman, boy or girl alone cannot save us; but Jesus Christ, by the blood which was shed upon the cross of Calvary, can cleanse us from our sins.

Someone says, "If the Lords cleanses us from our sins, how is it that we're cleansed? How do we come in contact with the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ?" We hear Ananias saying, "Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." Then again we hear the apostle Paul, having obeyed these commandments, speaking in the sixth chapter of Romans, saying, "Know ye not, that as many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death." There upon the cross of Calvary, Christ suffered shame and pain and humiliation; poured out his blood, that we, though sinners, might have the opportunity unto life everlasting. It was there that the blood was shed; it was in His death that blood was given. So the apostle Paul says "We're baptized into his death." There is revealed the whole mystery. We're baptized into his death.

Then if we're baptized into his death, then through his death do we come into contact with the benefits made possible by the blood of Christ. So it is, by being buried with our Lord in baptism, that we literally receive the benefits bought by the blood of the Lamb. Paul said, "We're buried by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection. Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now it we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him." Isn't that simple? We're buried in baptism; we come in contact with the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ in his death. So it is that Ananias was able to say to Paul, "Arise and be baptized, washing away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." The apostle Peter, who through

the Lord, had been given power to speak in the name of Jesus Christ, said, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins." And we hear the apostle Peter saying in I Peter 3:21, "Baptism doth now also save us." What could it save us from? Why, it couldn't save us from anything but our past sins; there's nothing to be saved from, but our sins which we have committed, and which will keep us from entering the gates of that eternal city, Oh, such a wonderful plan, that the Lord should give, that we might have life, and have it eternally, if we only obey His commandments.

Then baptism is commanded; it saves us, puts us into Christ and therefore into the Church. Most certainly it is essential. Scriptural baptism is only by immersion in water. Friends, have you obeyed the gospel? Have you been buried with Christ in baptism? If not, you are without Christ, and to be without Christ is to be without hope.

May we pause here and cast a backward look to the things that we have found in the Holy Word of God in our search for the Bible answer to the question, "What must I do to be saved?" I'm sure, without question, we can agree that we must study the Word of God in our search for the Bible answer to the question with open minds and humble hearts, and from that study there must come a faith so strong so as to move us to obey all the commands of Christ. This faith must move us to turn from sin in repentance and to have the courage to confess by both word and deed our faith in Christ's life, death, burial, and resurrection, saying that "I believe in Jesus Christ the Son of the living God and being covered in the waters of baptism, putting off the old man and becoming a new creature in Christ Jesus. This is what the Bible says you must do. Let us not think for one moment that we may stop here, for we must work with all of our strength and might to continue as Christians to walk in the paths of righteousness. The individual who has believed, repented, confessed, and been baptized has only begun. He is only a babe in Christ Jesus. The man who tries to tell you that the Christian life is easy does not know the meaning of Christianity. But thanks be to God that we have Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit who will help us and strengthen us in times of weakness that we might overcome.

Every honest man who seeks for forgiveness of his sins and eternal salvation turns to the Bible and asks of God, "What must I do to be saved?" We have tried humbly and diligently with these lessons to study what God would have us do to be saved. God's word explicitly commands that we hear the gospel, believe it with all of our hearts, repent of every sin, confess the name of Christ by word before our fellowman and in deed by being buried with Christ in baptism, and then to rise a new creature, living faithfully the Christian life until the end of our last day. It is my prayer at all times that I might be led in truth, and that if I be wrong, that God will help me to know the truth. I want to do

God's will and be saved.

However, the question today to you who are outside of Christ, do you have the humility and the love to surrender yourself to the will of God? If you want to be saved, you must! History relates to us that Julian, the pagan emperor, was stricken in battle, and as he lay dying, he took a handful of his blood and flung it toward the lowering sun, crying with a loud voice, "Oh, Galilean, that hast conquered." Are there not thousands of readers today who will say, "Oh Galilean, thou hast conquered. Thy love, thy power, thy grace have overcome my soul and my life. Thou are victorious." Won't you surrender at all today? And then as you lie down tonight you can sleep the sleep of peace, knowing that you have done that which Christ has demanded that you might be saved.

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Abilene----The Church of Christ differs from other religious groups. It has no central organization to tie the different churches together. Each is a separate entity, choosing its own preachers, going its own way in the Lord's work, with no national governing board to plan national programs.

Yet on Feb. 10, 1952, the Church of Christ launched a national radio program over the American Broadcasting Company from the Highland Church of Christ here. It is the first national broadcast of the church.

The reason is a six foot, 24 year old, curly haired young Texan by the name of James W. Nichols. Practically alone he set out to achieve the herculean task of getting the hundreds of congregations over the nation behind such a program.

And in three short months, by dint of some 60,000 letters, driving 21,000 miles to personally contact congregations in five southern states, he raised \$250,000 to put the Church of Christ program on the national airways for a year.

It is a 30 minute program that will be heard every Sunday over the wires of the American Broadcasting Company. It will be the culmination of the dream that Jim Nichols has had since he began preaching at the age of 15 in a small church at Brownwood.

The first thought of most people is that "He must have tapped a lot of those West Texas millionaires" to raise a quarter of a million in three short months.

That's not the story at all. It's the heart warming tale of the widow's mite multiplied hundredfold. The largest contribution was \$2900, the smallest \$2.50. Listen to a few of the letters from 40 states:

"I want to pledge the small sum of \$2.50," an Alabaman writes. "I am an old man with small means, but will redeem the pledge inside of three months."

From Tennessee, "We are just a small congregation, just ten of us, but we sure want to do all we can. We will try and help five dollars a month. Our prayers are with you."

"I will be 90 years old on the 24th of February," another Tennessee letter reads, "and can't hear very good anyway. I don't suppose that I will hear much of it but I feel that this radio network will be a great help to the cause of Christ and bring many into the church that might never have heard a real Gospel preacher." There was a \$100 check in the letter.

"We have just nine members," another congregation said, "and we are preaching every Sunday. We can't contribute very much as we are poor people, but we thought we could have \$5.00 a month to send."

A letter from Texas read, "We are very small congregation, only six members and four of them are women, but we would like to have a part in the broadcast. We have decided to give \$100 a year, sending \$8.35 each month, if that would be acceptable."

On and on they go and on and on the familiar refrain ... "we are a very small congregation ... we are very poor ... but we want to help ... will five dollars be all right ... our prayers are with you."

Dynamic Jim Nichols was just 18 months old when his father, teacher of Bible and Greek at Abilene Christian College, died. While his mother taught school, Jim and his mother lived with his grandmother, who ran a girl's boarding house. Jim swept out, mowed the lawn, jerked sodas in a drug store, did a little painting, anything to help his mother make ends meet.

He graduated from Abilene High School when he was 15 with high honors and was the youngest freshman at Abilene Christian College. All the time that he was in

Nichols 3

school he was tackling any job to make a dollar, in addition to piling up scholastic honors ... and he was preaching at Brownwood, Post and other Texas towns.

A terrific load for a youngster but his six foot two, 215 pound frame, plus a zealous, crusading spirit of evangelism, enabled him to carry it easily.

When he went to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, after graduating from college, to do graduate work in speech at the University of Iowa, he continued his evangelistic work and met up with James D. Willeford, another Abilene Christian College graduate, who was preaching over a Madison, Wisconsin, radio station.

The two young Texans joined hands, and by September of 1951 they were being heard over six stations. Then Jim began to put his dream of a national hookup to the test. With recordings of his sermons, letters and personal visits he lined up some 20 stations in larger cities who wanted to carry his message.

He came back home where everyone knew him. P.S. Kendrick, Abilene independent oil man who had known him since he was a chubby little shaver, got interested.

In October of 1951, the elders of the Highland Street Church of Christ, fired by the zeal of the boy preacher, assumed responsibility for directing expansion of his radio work into a national hookup.

"He never asked me for a dime," Kendrick says. "I just gave him advice, gave him pep talks when he was downhearted, dissuaded him from giving up his dream."

Kendrick won't tell you, but there were several times when he went down to see his banker for money to keep the dream alive.

When the Highland Church elders backed the idea, Nichols went into high gear. Relays of students from Abilene Christian College worked after school far into the night to get out the 60,000 letters, as many as 9,000 in a week at times.

Nichols hit the road in his car, roaming over Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee and Louisiana, spreading the gospel of a national broadcast to bring the beliefs of the church to the nation.

In Dallas the head of a great mercantile chain told him, "I am giving my money to my own church, but if you ever want a job you can take over direction of my sales and promotion." If he were not so dedicated to evangelism, personable Jim Nichols could be making a fortune, his friends tell you.

"I was raised in the church," he says simply. "I feel that I am doing what my father would have wanted me to do."

At his side as Nichols brought his dream to fruition has been another young Texan, who before he was 30, was the subject of a nationally syndicated success story.

Orville McDonald is a church of Christ member, a fellow graduate of Abilene Christian College, and an old friend of Jim's. Now a top advertising agency executive in Dallas, "Mac" has smoothed many a rough bump in the road to the national radio program of his schoolmate.

When Nichols took to the road, from small Hamlet to great cities, the response was invariably the same -- "It's a wonderful idea, it ought to be done, but how can the church do it ... we have no national organization to make it possible."

Nichols is no bellowing, arm waving psalm singer. He's a persuader. His intense conviction and magnificent speech are enough. Ninety percent of the congregations he contacted saw their doubts dissolve under the spell of his zeal and he came away with signed pledges.

If you would search the Bible for an explanation of Nichols' tremendous appeal you would find no better explanation than the quotation "Make the way so plain that any wayfaring man, though a fool, may not err therein."

Every Sunday, over the airways from coast to coast, earnest Jim Nichols makes the way so plain that none may err therein.

The story of Jim Nichols, saga of success though it is, is a greater story of faith, faith that moves mountains, faith that tied a great church into a vast national effort to spread the gospel of Christ.

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42-08 Murray St.,
Flushing 55, N. Y.
June 23, 1952

Herald of Truth,
Box 1264
Abilene, Texas

Dear Brethren:

I want to thank you for sending us the names of inquirers from our area concerning the Churches of Christ. We usually receive several calls per week as a direct response to the program. We hope that this first indication of interest will grow, and that these who have been moved to inquire will complete their obedience to the faith.

I believe that your efforts are answering a long felt need in America. May the God whom we serve through His beloved Son prosper His Word, and bless you in your diligent proclamation of it.

In Christian love,

(Name in File) Minister

FLUSHING CHURCH OF CHRIST.

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C O P Y

Fair Lawn, N. J.
July 4, 1952

Dear Brethren:

The enclosed check is to be applied to the Nationwide broadcast. We plan to send this amount each month.

We are glad to report that we have two people coming now as a result of the broadcast. Also we have some more inquiries to follow up.

We thank God for your faith in seeing such a vision as this great program.

We send our prayers and best wishes. We ask to be remembered in your petitions to the Father.

Yours in Christ,

(signed - name on file)

C O P Y

#27

FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS

Gentlemen:

We have enjoyed the broadcasts from the very first one. The quality is such that we are anxious for all our friends to hear it. We feel that others have been attracted to the program by the beautiful singing. Many will hear the truth that would never go to church to hear it.

We would like to have a small part in this work.

Yours in Christ,

(signed - name on file)

C O P Y

30

Grandview, West Va.
June 18, 1952

The Herald of Truth
Abilene, Texas

Dear Brethren in Christ,

Enclosed find money order in the amount of
five dollars (\$5.00). Please use it in
your broadcast of the Gospel. I wish I
were able to send you many times this amount.

May the Lord bless all who have a part in
this noble undertaking.

Sincerely yours in His name,

(signed - name on file)

C O P Y

U.S.S. W.H. Gordon
April 20, 1952

Herald of Truth
ABC Broadcasting Company
Abilene, Texas

Dear Brethren:

Aboard the U.S.S. W.H. Gordon, on our way to the Far East, were four members of the Church. With the cooperation of the chaplain, we held services on the ship. We decided to send our contributions to help in your work of spreading the truth.

Desiring remembrance in your prayers, we remain,

Yours in Christ,

(signed by four members
of the armed forces-
names on file)

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C O P Y

Church of Christ Downtown
19 South La Salle St.,
Chicago, Ill.
August 3, 1952

Dear Brother Nichols:

Just a note to let you know your work here is still bearing fruit. Brother _____'s son-in-law, _____, was baptized on Thursday a week ago. _____ has been hanging in the balance, so to speak, for some time, but I believe you made up his mind for him.

Mrs. _____, who had the appointment with you the one night and didn't show up, was baptized last Monday night. Another lady, who came to us through the broadcast, I believe will obey the Gospel before long.

We of the Downtown Church appreciate you and your work, and enjoyed the opportunity of hearing and knowing you.

Yours truly,

(Name in File)

C O P Y

Cassville, Arkansas

February 24, 1952

Dear Sir:

I heard your sermon today for the first time, was very interesting. I want to learn all I can about the Church of Christ as I am a young woman with 4 children. I want them brought up right. Please send me the copy of today's lesson.

Yours truly,

(Signed-name on file)

Cassville, Arkansas-Route One

C O P Y

Guam
May 25, 1952

Dear Sirs,

I am stationed at N. A. S. Agana, Guam. I have been here approximately 3 weeks. The Church here is meeting in a Navy Chapel, 1330 Sundays, 1930 Wednesdays, which is about 5 miles from N. A. S., 15 miles from Air Force Base, 10 miles from Naval Operating Base, 5 miles from the hospital. Busses run every half hour or hour. The members appear contented with the attitude of "what's the use?" Every one is so spread out and transportation is such a problem that we never see one another except during regular meetings (Sun. and Wed.) The church here has been unable to buy land, because as soon as the natives find out that we want to build; "The land is not for sale". The Bishop here rules with an iron hand. There are at least 20,000 people on this island and 90% of them are Catholic. I am doing all I can to get interest up, but I have only been a member of the Lord's body less than a year, and I just don't know enough. I think that a good publicity program is what we need. Tracts, newspapers, radio, etc: They all tell me they tried putting pieces in the newspaper, but "somehow" the wording would get changed, there would be parts omitted, etc, so it appears that that media is out. I'm interested in getting tracts for distribution also. I listened to the radio program "The Herald of Truth" before I came out here, and enjoyed it tremendously. I have been wondering about getting a recording of it out here. I haven't checked with the radio station here as yet, because I wanted to find out from you how much do you think it would cost to get the recordings sent out here? I imagine the station uses wire, I believe most of them do. When I get this information from you and find out if we can do it, I'll then take it up with the congregation. I'll be looking forward to hearing from you soon, Any advice as to: sermon topics, procedures, etc. that I can use, I would greatly appreciate. We have no regular minister here, and different members are taking turns bringing the lesson to us each Lord's Day.

I'll close, thanking you for your time, and consideration. Keep up the wonderful work you are doing. It's a find program that you have undertaken.

Please send me all the back sermons of Bro. Nichols, that have been delivered so far. Also, if possible, would like to get on the mailing list for future sermons (Herald of Truth). If you do this, I think it would be a good idea to get about 40 copies of each as there are 25-30 members here. When you answer, if these are not free, please advise as to the cost per copy and I will take it up with the other members. Thank you.

A Brethren if the Way

(signed - name on file)

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Houston, Texas

Church of Christ
Abilene, Texas

Dear Brethren:

I thank you for the little booklet. I think the program is wonderful in every respect.

I pray daily for the success of this program as well as other things done for the cause of Christ.

May God bless you all and help you to carry on this wonderful work.

Enclosed is my contribution for June and July. At the present I am attending the university and can not help more. When I start teaching in September, I hope to help more.

Sincerely,

(signed - name on file)

C O P Y

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Lodi, New Jersey
June 22, 1952

The Herald of Truth
Abilene, Texas

Dear Pastor,

Just a little note to tell you that your program is a must at our home. After my mother and I return home from our morning church service we turn your program on and sing along with your choir and listen to your wonderful messages. Your program reaches us at 12:30 p.m. over station WJZ New York.

These past few Sundays your messages have been a special blessing and that is why I would like to have these messages to read again and perhaps pass along for others to benefit by. Your booklet "What Must I Do To Be Saved" will be greatly appreciated.

May God bless you as you proclaim the great truths of God's precious word.

Yours in Christ,

(signed - name on file)

C O P Y

1053 7th Avenue
Longview, Washington

Church of Christ
Abilene, Texas

Dear Brethren:

The first time I heard the program my heart filled with joy and thanksgiving. I tuned in, not in the beginning, but the middle of the sermon, but I knew it was the Church sounding forth the truth. When the speaker stated that he would rather his tongue cleave to the roof of his mouth than to preach salvation except as Peter preached it at Penecost, I knew that no denominational preacher would make such a statement.

In a hoge-poge of religious programs that teach deceivable half-truths, the "Herald of Truth" stands out as a beacon of Truth. The speaker is firm in his delivery but has love and compassion in his voice which the Church behind him feels for the lost world. We are misunderstood and accused of lacking love. We know this is not true but our preachers often give the world that impression in their zeal for the matters of doctrine.

I hear the program on Sunday afternoon over K.E.X. Portland, Oregon, However I heard your early morning effort coming over K.L.E.M. Eureka, California. I was overjoyed to hear and to be able to join the songs of praise of sisters and brothers who I may never meet in this life but hope to when we all meet the Lord.

May the Lord bless you in your effort. I thank Him for you and thank you for encouraging me.

Love in Christ,

(Signed--Name on file)

C O P Y

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Lebanon, Tennessee
June 12, 1952

Bro. Darrell Ramsey
Abilene, Texas

Dear Bro. Ramsey:

We hear the Herald of Truth over WSIX,
Nashville and are so thankful for such
an opportunity, and for those who had
the vision and the faith to develop it.

We are sending another small contribution
for the continuance of this good work.

Sincerely,

(signed - Name on file)

Lima, Ohio
June 16, 1952

Herald of Truth
Elders, Highland Church of Christ
P. O. Box 1264
Abilene, Texas

Attention: Mr. Darrell Ramsey

Dear Brethren:

Enclosed you will find another contribution from the Lima Church toward the radio program.

The program is well received here, and several have told me they were listening.

Yours for the progress of the gospel,

(signed - name on file)

Encl: \$20.00

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C O P Y

Little Creek, Va.
June 29, 1952

Dear Brethren:

Having been a regular listener to the "Herald of Truth" for the past two or three months I can truly say it is a wonderful work. I am originally from Garrison, Pa. but now I'm serving an enlistment in the Navy. My membership is with the New Freeport, Pa. congregation.

Please send me your booklet, "What Must I Do To Be Saved?" I may be able to pass it on to someone who is not a member of the Church. You have my most earnest prayers for the wonderful work you're doing.

Yours for Truth and Right,

(signed - name on file)

A NATION-WIDE RADIO BROADCAST

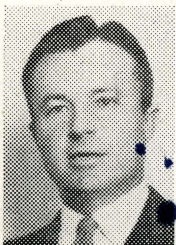
"The HERALD of TRUTH"

Originating from Vernon, Texas

PLACE: Wilbarger Memorial Auditorium, Vernon, Texas

TIME: Sunday, August 31st, 2:30 P. M.

SPEAKER: James D. Willeford



James D. Willeford, Madison, Wisc., will be the principal speaker of the day. His subject... "The Power of Prayer."



Phil Kendrick, Jr., Abilene, Texas, is the regular announcer on the coast-to-coast broadcast.



James W. Nichols, a featured speaker on the network series will give his personal words and make introductions.

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Auburn	WHMA	Macon	WNEK	Flint	WDEB	NORTH DAKOTA		Longview	KFRD
Birmingham	WSDN	Rome	WLAQ	Lansing	WILS	Fargo	KFGD	Lubbock	KFYD
Florence	WJOI	Savannah	WDBR	Ludington	WKLA	OHIO		Midland	KCRS
Gadsden	WGAD	Valdosta	WGAF	Muskegon	WKBZ	Cleveland	WJW	Paris	KPLT
Huntsville	WHBS					Columbus	WHKC	San Angelo	KGKL
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Montgomery	WAPX	Pocatello	KEOI					Wichita Falls	KFDX
Selma	WGWC	ILLINOIS							
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ARIZONA						Enid	KCRC	Salt Lake City	KUTA
Phoenix	KOY	INDIANA				McAlester	KTMC		
Tucson	KCNA	Anderson	WHBU			Muskogee	KBIX	VERMONT	
		Bloomington	WTTT	MISSOURI		Oklahoma City	KTKO	Brattleboro	WTSA
ARKANSAS		Evansville	WJPS	Missouri		Tulsa	KRMG	Burlington	WJOY
Eldorado	KSDM	Ft. Wayne	WGL	Columbia City	KCMO			Montpelier-Barre	WSKI
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Little Rock	KGHI	Cedar Rapids	WMT	Springfield	KWTO	Klamath Falls	KFLW	Charlottesville	WINA
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CALIFORNIA		Waterloo	KXEL	Butte	KOPR	PENNSYLVANIA		Richmond	WRNL
Bakersfield	KPMC			Great Falls	KMO	Johnstown	WCRO		
Blythe	KYOR	KANSAS				Philadelphia	WFIL	WASHINGTON	
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Eureka	KIEM	Topeka	WRFN	Lincoln	KFOR	Wilkes-Barre	WILK	Pasco	WPKW
Fresno	KARM	Wichita	KWBB	Omaha	KOIL			Seattle	KJR
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Los Angeles	KECA	Bowling Green	WKCT	NEW HAMPSHIRE		Providence	WPJB		
San Francisco	KGO	Harlan	WHLN	Claremont	WTSV			WASHINGTON, D.C.	WMAL
San Luis Obispo	KATY	Louisville	WKLO	Lebanon	WTSL	SOUTH CAROLINA		West Virginia	
		Mayfield	WKTM	Manchester	WMUR	Florence	WJMX	Beckley	WVNR
COLORADO		Newport	WNOP	NEW MEXICO				Huntington	WHTN
Craig	KRAI			Albuquerque	KOAT	SOUTH DAKOTA		Parkersburg (Sat.)	WCOM
Denver	KVOD	LOUISIANA		Carlsbad	KPMB	Aberdeen	KSDN	Wheeling	WKWK
		Baton Rouge	WLCS	Clovis	KCLV	TENNESSEE			
CONNECTICUT		Monroe	KMLB	Los Alamos	KQSN	Chattanooga	WDEF	WISCONSIN	
Bridgeport	WNAB	New Orleans	WDSU	Santa Fe	KTRC	Jackson	WTJS	Green Bay	WDOZ
Hartford	KTHT	Shreveport	KRMD			Johnson City	WHLH	LaCrosse	WKTY
						Knoxville	WBIR	Madison	WIBA
DELAWARE		MAINE		NEW YORK		Memphis	WMPS	Wilwaukee	WCAN
Wilmington	WILM	Bangor	WABI	Albany	WXXW	Morristown	WCRK	Neeah	WNAM
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FLORIDA		MARYLAND		Olean	WHDL	TEXAS		WYOMING	
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Jacksonville	WPDQ	Cumberland	WDYK	Saranac Lake	WEAV	Amorillo	KFDA	Cheyenne	KFCB
Miami	WQAM			Syracuse	WAGE	Austin	KNOW	Cody	KODI
Panama City	WPFC	MASSACHUSETTS				Beaumont	KFDM	Rawlins	KRAL
Pensacola	WEAR	Gardner	WHOB	NORTH CAROLINA		Big Spring	KBST	Riverton	KWRL
Tallahassee	WTNT	Lawrence	WLAW	Asheville	WLDS	Brownfield	KTFY	Torrington	KGOS
Tampa-St. Pete	WSUN	Springfield	WSPR	Charlotte	WAYS	Brownsville	KVAL	Worland	KWOR
		Worcester	WAAB	Durham	WFLK	Corpus Christi	KEYS		
GEORGIA				Fayetteville (Sat.)	WTFB	El Paso	KEPO	CANADA	
Atlanta	WGST	MICHIGAN		Salisbury	WSAT	Fort Worth	WBAP	Trail, B. C.	CJAT
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C O P Y

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Petersburg, Indiana
July 1, 1952

Dear Brethren:

We are deeply appreciative of your work being done by your Herald of Truth program, and only regret we cannot have greater fellowship with you in this great work. Please accept this small token of our appreciation for the month of July. Other checks will follow monthly.

In Christian love,
(signed - name on file)

C O P Y

Hillsboro, Texas
June 29, 1952

The Herald of Truth
Abilene, Texas

Dear Bro. Nichols & Others:

I am a listener to your Sunday afternoon radio program since your first Sunday on the air, having read the announcement of same in the Ft. Worth Star Telegram Newspaper, on Saturday before the first broadcast.

I think you are teaching some wonderful words of Truth in these lessons. I greatly enjoy them.

I would like for you to mail to me at the above address, Sermons # 18 and 20. Also your free booklet on "What Must I Do To Be Saved?"

Thanking you for same, I am,

A sister in Christ,

(signed - name on file)



Aug. 6 Church of Christ
8 p.m. 3101 Montana
El Paso, Texas

Aug. 7 Church of Christ
8 p.m. 4903 N. 4th
Albuquerque, N.M.

Aug. 8 Church of Christ
8 p.m. 10th & Portland
Phoenix, Ariz.

Aug. 10 Church of Christ
3 p.m. Front & Beach St.
San Diego, Calif.

Aug. 11 Church of Christ
8 p.m. 12th & Hoover
Los Angeles, Calif.

Aug. 12 Church of Christ
8 p.m. Central Ave. & B
Madera, Calif.

Aug. 13 Church of Christ
8 p.m. 3459 17th St.
San Francisco, Cal.

Aug. 14 Church of Christ
8 p.m. 425 E. Main
Medford, Ore.

Aug. 15 Church of Christ
8 p.m. 623 NE Hassalo
Portland, Ore.

Aug. 17 Church of Christ
3 p.m. 1147 N. 81st
Seattle, Wash.

Aug. 18 Church of Christ
7:45 518 W. Nora St.
Spokane, Wash.

Aug. 19 Church of Christ
8 p.m. 917 6th Ave.
Helena, Mont.

Aug. 20 Church of Christ
8 p.m. 310 N. 4th
Boise, Idaho

Aug. 21 Church of Christ
8 p.m. 662 E. 13th St.
Salt Lake City, U.

Aug. 22 Church of Christ
8 p.m. 1200 S. Washington
Casper, Wyo.

Aug. 24 Church of Christ
3 p.m. 2005 S. Lincoln
Denver, Colo.

Aug. 26 Church of Christ
8 p.m. Central & Briar
Dodge City, Kans.

Aug. 27 Church of Christ
8 p.m. 713 N. Johnson
Amarillo, Texas

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Lubbock, Texas
July 5, 1952

Herald of Truth Broadcast
Highland Church of Christ
Abilene, Texas

Dear Brethren:

It is a wonderful experience to hear the Gospel preached as it was a few moments ago by Bro. Nichols, and to know that so many are hearing it who have not heard it before. Our prayers are with you.

Will you please send a copy of today's sermon, "Which Church?" and also the booklet to (name on file). They are searching for the truth, having seen at least some of the errors of their denomination. We shall be so grateful for anything which will help us in showing them the Way.

Yours in Christ,

(signed - name on file)

C O P Y

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Kansas City, Missouri
July 3, 1952

We listen to the program Herald of Truth every Sunday--sometimes twice. Have heard non-church members say it was inspirational, the singing is also excellent. Two weeks ago we heard the program being broadcast in a large Super Market open 7 days a week. We would like a copy of the sermon of June 29 by Mr. G. K. Wallace.

(signed - name on file)

C O P Y

Jacksonville 5, Florida

March 24, 1952

Dear Brother in Christ:

I do enjoy your programme on Sunday morning.
Please send me (if possible) 3 copies of sermon 6.
I know of some it will help. I am all confused. My
son-in-law says Jesus is God in human form.

Our Bible says "In the beginning was the word
and etc. Now if the word was Jesus as I've always
been taught, and God said, "Let us make man." Didn't
Jesus and God exist in the beginning?

If Jesus was God then, are the Unitarians correct
in denying Jesus?

Please put me straight. Thank you.

(Signed--Name on file)

1071 Edgewood Ave.

Jacksonville, Florida

C O P Y

R. R. #1

Narvon, Pennsylvania

April 29, 1952

Dear Sir:

Would you please send me your sermon
No. 12 and I would like to know all
about the Church of Christ and how
long it exists and if they are one
of the Churches of the Pentecostal
convention of Detroit, Michigan.

Yours truly,

(Signed--name on file)

C O P Y

Cuzco
Peru, South America
April 24, 1952

Evangelist Jim Nichols
Abilene, Texas

Dear Mr. Nichols,

Could you please send me some literature about the Churches of Christ, their doctrine, policies, practices, etc.? I notice by the recent Time article that your church has no creed except a "literalistic interpretation of the New Testament," and since that is also what I believe, I am very interested.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

(signed - name on file)

C O P Y

83 Washington Street
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Dear Sirs:

Will you please send me the scripture lesson
you broadcasted Sunday, February 17, 1952,
plus anything else that would clearly prove
the worth of the Bible.

Thank you kindly.

(Signed-name on file)

Longview, Wn.

KEX
Portland, Ore.

Dear Sirs,

I have been listening to the "Herald of Truth" Program on your station Sunday afternoon. Truth it is indeed. Other Church programs seem wishy-washy in comparison.

It seems significant that they do not make a plea to the listeners to open their purse and pay up, as most of the other churches do. One would think these other churches are on the brink of collapse, and if you didn't mail a contribution immediately they would fall flat.

It's fine to see a church standing firmly on its own feet--teaching something with some meat in it--something a person can get their teeth into so to speak.

It's wonderful that we have freedom of religion, speech, press, and radio. I hope and pray that this freedom will always be ours.

Thank you for your part in bringing me this program.

Sincerely,

(signed - name on file)

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Pine Bluff, Ark.
May 18, 1952

Dear Brethren in Christ,

The teaching of our program Herald of Truth" is so simple, plain and forceful that all who hear it should be persuaded to obey and to become one in Christ. I am very much inspired by the work that the church at Abilene is doing. It makes me want to do more.

I would like very much a copy of your booklet on "Why Back to God."

In addition to my feeble effort of giving to the Lord I would like to make this contribution to the "Herald of Truth".

May God bless all of your efforts for good.

With Christian love,

(signed - name on file)

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Indianapolis, Ind.
June 11, 1952.

Dear Brethren in Christ:

We received your letter some few days ago and this is in reply to the call for help in spreading the Gospel. We do know it is much needed all over the world. Each day we seem to find some who say they have never heard it. So that is one reason it needs to go every where. We hope this will help the cause very much.

Remember us in your Prayers and we will do the same. Keep up the good work.

(signed - name on file)

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YOU MAY HEAR THE HERALD OF TRUTH OVER THESE STATIONS

Alabama, Anniston	WHMA	1450	1:00 p.m.
Auburn	WAUD	1230	1:00 p.m.
Birmingham	WSGN	610	8:00 a.m.
Florence	WJOI	1340	9:30 a.m.
Gadsden	WGAD	1350	1:00 p.m.
Huntsville	WHBS	1490	1:00 p.m.
Marion	WJAM	1310	9:30 a.m.
Mobile	WABB	1480	6:30 a.m.
Montgomery	WAPX	1600	1:00 p.m.
Selma	WGWC	1340	1:30 p.m.
Tuscaloosa	WJRD	1150	9:00 p.m.
Arizona, Clifton	KCLF	1400	1:00 p.m.
Phoenix	KOY	550	7:00 a.m.
Tucson	KCNA	580	3:00 p.m.
Arkansas, Eldorado	KSDM	1290	1:00 p.m.
Ft. Smith	KFSA	950	1:00 p.m.
Hot Springs	KTHS	1090	1:00 p.m.
Little Rock	KGHI	1250	1:00 p.m.
Springdale	KBRS	1340	6:00 p.m.
Calif., Bakersfield	KPMC	1560	10:00 a.m.
Blythe	KYOR	1450	3:30 p.m.
Brawley	KROP	1300	3:30 p.m.
Eureka	KIEM	1480	7:15 a.m.
Fresno	KARM	1430	3:30 p.m.
Indio	KREO	1400	3:30 p.m.
Los Angeles	KECA	790	3:30 p.m.
San Francisco	KGO	810	3:30 p.m.
San Luis Obispo	KATY	1340	3:30 p.m.
Colorado, Craig	KRAF	1230	5:30 p.m.
Denver	KVOD	630	3:00 p.m.
Conn., Bridgeport	WNAB	1450	2:00 p.m.
Hartford	WHTT	1230	2:30 p.m.
Delaware, Wilmington	WILM	1450	2:00 p.m.
Florida, Gainesville	WGGG	1230	1:00 p.m.
Jacksonville	WPDQ	600	8:30 a.m.
Miami	WQAM	1560	1:00 p.m.
Panama City	WPCF	1400	1:00 p.m.
Pensacola	WEAR	1230	11:30 p.m.
Tallahassee	WTNT	1450	5:00 p.m.
Tampa, St. Pete	WSUN	620	1:00 p.m.
Georgia, Atlanta	WGST	920	1:00 p.m.
Augusta	WGAC	580	2:00 p.m.
Brunswick	WGIG	1440	1:00 p.m.
Columbus	WGBA	1460	7:30 a.m.
Macon	WNEX	1400	1:00 p.m.
Rome	WLAQ	670	1:00 p.m.
Savannah	WDAR	1400	1:00 p.m.
Valdosta	WGAf	910	1:00 p.m.
Idaho, Boise	KGEM	1140	3:00 p.m.
Pocatello	KEID	1440	9:30 a.m.
Illinois, Chicago	WENR-WLS	890	2:30 p.m.
Quincy	WGEM	1440	8:00 a.m.
Indiana, Anderson	WHBU	1240	1:30 p.m.
Bloomington	WTS	1370	1:00 p.m.
Evansville	WJPS	1330	1:30 p.m.
Ft. Wayne	WGL	1250	1:00 p.m.
Iowa, Cedar Rapids	WMT	600	7:30 a.m.
Des Moines	KSO	1460	1:00 p.m.
Sioux City	KSCJ	1360	10:30 p.m.
Waterloo	KXEL	1540	5:30 p.m.
Kansas, Coffeyville	KGGF	690	2:00 p.m.
Topeka	WREN	1250	1:00 p.m.
Wichita	KWBB	1410	3:30 p.m.
Ken., Bowling Green	WKCT	930	1:00 p.m.
Harlan	WHLN	1230	3:00 p.m.
Louisville	WKLO	1080	1:00 p.m.
Mayfield	WKTm	1050	4:15 p.m.
Newport	WNOP	740	2:00 p.m.
Louisiana, Baton Rouge	WLCS	910	1:00 p.m.

Monroe	KMLB	1440	2:00 p.m.
New Orleans	WDSU	1280	1:00 p.m.
Shreveport	KRMD	1340	1:00 p.m.
Maine, Bangor	WABI	910	1:00 p.m.
Portland	WPOR	1450	9:00 a.m.
Maryland, Baltimore	WFBR	1300	3:00 p.m.
Cumberland	WDYK	1230	8:00 a.m.
Mass., Gardner	WHOB	1490	1:00 p.m.
Lawrence	WLAW	680	1:00 p.m.
Springfield	WSPR	1270	5:00 p.m.
Worcester	WAAB	1440	3:00 p.m.
Michigan, Battle Creek	WELL	1400	1:00 p.m.
Bay City	WBCM	1440	1:00 p.m.
Detroit	WXYZ	1270	1:00 p.m.
Flint	WFDF	910	10:00 p.m.
Lansing	WFLS	1320	1:00 p.m.
Ludington	WKLA	1450	1:00 p.m.
Muskegon	WKBZ	850	2:00 p.m.
Minn., Minn.-St. Paul	WTCN	1280	7:30 a.m.
Mankato	KTOE	1420	2:00 p.m.
Miss., Centerville	WGFC	1580	8:00 a.m.
Columbus	WCBI	1340	6:00 p.m.
Jackson	WSLI	930	2:00 p.m.
Laurel	WLAV	1490	1:00 p.m.
Missouri, Kansas City	KCMO	810	12:30 p.m.
Rolla	KTTR	1490	8:45 a.m.
St. Louis	KXOK	630	9:15 p.m.
Springfield	KWTO	560	1:00 p.m.
Montana, Butte	KOPR	580	9:15 a.m.
Great Falls	KMON	560	7:30 a.m.
Nebraska, Lincoln	KFOR	1240	10:30 a.m.
Omaha	KOIL	1290	5:30 p.m.
Sidney	KSID	1540	12 noon
N. Hamp., Claremont	WTSV	1230	1:00 p.m.
Lebanon	WTSL	1400	1:00 p.m.
Manchester	WMUR	610	5:00 p.m.
N. Mexico, Albuquerque	KOAT	1450	3:00 p.m.
Carlsbad	KPMB	740	check sta.
Clovis	KCLV	1240	1:00 p.m.
Los Alamos	KRSN	1490	3:00 p.m.
Santa Fe	KTRC	1400	3:00 p.m.
New York, Albany	WKWK	850	2:00 p.m.
New York	WJZ	770	12:30 p.m.
Olean	WHDL	1450	1:00 p.m.
Rochester	WARC	950	3:00 p.m.
Saranac Lake	WEAV	960	2:00 p.m.
Syracuse	WAGE	620	12:00 n.
N. Carolina, Asheville	WLDS	1380	1:00 p.m.
Charlotte	WAYS	610	1:00 p.m.
Durham	WTIK	1310	2:00 p.m.
Elizabeth City	WGAI	560	
Fayetteville(Sat.)	WFLB	1490	1:00 p.m.
Salisbury	WSAT	1280	1:00 p.m.
Wilmington	WGNI	1340	8:30 a.m.
Winston-Salem	WAIR	1340	1:00 p.m.
N. Dakota, Fargo	KFGO	790	1:00 p.m.
Ohio, Cleveland	WJW	850	1:00 p.m.
Columbus	WHKC	610	1:00 p.m.
Lima	WIMA	1150	9:00 a.m.
Youngstown	WBBW	1240	8:30 a.m.
Oklahoma, Ada	KADA	1230	1:00 p.m.
Enid	KCRC	1390	1:00 p.m.
McAlester	KTMC	1400	1:00 p.m.
Muskogee	KBIX	1490	2:00 p.m.
Oklahoma City	KTOG	1000	9:30 a.m.
Tulsa	KRMG	740	2:00 p.m.
Oregon, Eugene	KASH	590	1:00 p.m.

All times are Sunday unless otherwise indicated.

Klamath Falls	KFLW	1450	4:30 p.m.
Medford	KMED	1440	7:30 a.m.
Portland	KEX	1190	3:30 p.m.
Penn., Johnstown	WCRO	1230	7:00 p.m.
Philadelphia	WFIL	560	2:00 p.m.
Pittsburg	WCAE	1250	3:00 p.m.
Wilkes-Barre	WILK	980	5:00 p.m.
R. Island, Providence	WPJB	1420	1:00 p.m.
S. Carolina, Florence	WJMX	970	10:30 a.m.
S. Dakota, Aberdeen	KSDN	930	10:30 a.m.
Tenn., Chattanooga	WDEF	1370	1:00 p.m.
Jackson	WTJS	1390	1:00 p.m.
Johnson City	WJHL	910	10:30 p.m.
Knoxville	WBIR	1240	1:30 p.m.
Memphis	WMPs	680	9:30 p.m.
Morristown	WCRK	1450	check sta.
Nashville	WSIX	980	4:00 p.m.
Texas, Abilene	KRBC	1470	1:00 p.m.
Amarillo	KFDA	1440	1:00 p.m.
Austin	KNOW	1490	2:00 p.m.
Beaumont	KFDM	560	1:00 p.m.
Big Spring	KBST	1490	1:00 p.m.
Brownfield	KTFY	1050	4:30 p.m.
Brownsville	KVAL	1490	1:00 p.m.
Corpus Christi	KEYS	1440	9:00 a.m.
El Paso	KEPO	690	3:00 p.m.
Ft. Worth	WBAP	570	1:00 p.m.
Graham	KSWA	1330	4:30 p.m.
Houston	KXYZ	1320	8:00 a.m.
Longview	KFRO	1370	1:00 p.m.
Lubbock	KFYO	1340	4:00 p.m.
Midland	KCRS	550	1:30 p.m.
Paris	KPLT	1490	9:00 p.m.
San Angelo	KGKL	960	1:00 p.m.
San Antonio	KMAC	630	9:00 p.m.
Texarkana	KCMC	1230	1:00 p.m.
Wichita Falls	KFDX	990	2:00 p.m.
Utah, Provo	KCSU	1490	3:00 p.m.
Salt Lake City	KUTA	570	7:30 a.m.
Vermont, Brattleboro	WTSa	1450	1:00 p.m.
Burlington	WJOY	1230	1:00 p.m.
Montpelier-Barre	WSKI	1240	1:00 p.m.
Virginia, Charlottesville	WINA	1280	9:15 a.m.
Fredericksburg	WFVA	1230	check sta.
Norfolk	WGH	1310	5:00 p.m.
Richmond	WRNL	910	1:30 p.m.
Washington, Aberdeen	KBKW	1450	9:00 p.m.
Pasco	KPKW	1340	3:30 p.m.
Seattle	KJR	950	3:30 p.m.
Spokane	KGA	1510	3:30 p.m.
Washington, D. C.	WMAL	630	1:00 p.m.
W. Virginia, Beckley	WWNR	620	1:30 p.m.
Huntington	WHTN	800	8:00 a.m.
Parkersburg, Sat.	WCOM	1230	5:30 p.m.
Wheeling	WKWK	1400	1:00 p.m.
Wisconsin, Green Bay	WDUZ	1400	5:30 p.m.
LaCrosse	WKTY	580	4:00 p.m.
Madison	WIBA	1320	8:00 a.m.
Milwaukee	WCAN	1250	2:00 p.m.
Neenah	WNAM	1280	8:00 a.m.
Wyoming, Casper	KSPR	1470	9:15 p.m.
Cheyenne	KFBC	710	12:00 p.m.
Cody	KODI	1400	12:00 p.m.
Rawlins	KRAL	1240	12:00 p.m.
Riverton	KWRL	1450	12:00 p.m.
Torrington	KGOS	1490	12:00 p.m.
Worland	KWOR	1490	12:00 p.m.
Canada, Trall, B.C.	CJAT	610	9:30 a.m.
Toronto, Ont.	CKEY	580	9:15 a.m.

C O P Y

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Pekin, Ind.
June 16, 1952

The Herald of Truth
Abilene, Texas

Dear Brethren:

Find enclosed a check for \$25 as our second
quarter of 1952 payment on the radio program.

We are pleased with the program and feel sure
that the Word that is being proclaimed will
not be in vain.

Please let us know whether the funds are coming
in fast enough to keep up with the broadcasting
over all the stations needed to cover all the
territory desired.

Yours in Christ,

(signed - name on file)

#43

C O P Y

203 Court St.,
Newark 3, N. J.
June 29, 1952

Dear Rev:

Please send me the sermon I heard you preach tonight. (Sunday night, June 29th), Sermon #21. And if there's any others, please send me. I'm also a Texan. I listen to you often.

I'm just out of the hospital from a serious operation with a burst appendix, and now confined to my home.

I remain

Yours very truly,

Rev. (Name in File)

#32

McIntosh, N. Mex.

Dear Brethren in Christ:

I just heard your broadcast messages in sermon and song on this June 22, 1952. Am thankful to the Heavenly Father for this opportunity and also pray that there are many who tune in each Lord's day. Each one I have heard have been a source of inspiration to me, helping me to be more and more thankful to have learned and obeyed God's truths and press on and on. We are very poor in this world's goods but feel rich in Him, where there are so many more who are guided by the blind, having a "zeal of God but not according to knowledge", and through prejudice and bitterness toward all who would love to show them, turn a deaf and stubborn ear.

In sisterly love,

(signed - name on file)

C O P Y

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74 South Third Street,
Meriden, Connecticut

Herald of Truth,

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for affording me the opportunity of hearing a Christ-centered message by radio while I was on my vacation and could not attend my church.

Very truly yours,

(Name in File)

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C O P Y

Box 387
Milbridge, Maine
July 20, 1952

Dear Brethren:

The program is fine and doing a lot of good. We baptized two people a short time ago who received much of their teaching from it.

Please send me Sermon No. 24.

Sincerely,

(Name in File)

C O P Y

844 E. Street
Copeland Park
Newport News, Va.

The Herald of Truth
Box 1264
Abilene, Texas

Brethren in Christ:

The Wythe Church of Christ wishes to express to you as a congregation and to the speakers of The Herald of Truth our deep thanks for the work you are doing in preaching the gospel to millions who would otherwise never hear a gospel sermon.

When our Lord said: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature", he did not limit the preaching to the pulpit. We, therefore, feel that the use of the Radio to preach to millions with the GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION is one of the open roads to the furtherance of the Lord's command.

We are making public announcements weekly of the broadcast to increase your listening audience.

We pray His blessings to be upon every effort being made to further broaden the borders of His kingdom.

Sincerely in Christ,

Wythe Church of Christ

\$1 MILLION SERMON COMING?

Religion by Air Becomes Big Business; Letters Pour Into Church Offices Here

By H. DON RODGERS

The Herald of Truth, the nationwide Church of Christ radio program, is rapidly becoming big business.

The program was initiated here four months ago by James W. Nichols, 24-year-old Church of Christ minister, sponsored by the Highland Church of Christ and numbers of other congregations.

From the very first, the program attracted hundreds of persons, and now the correspondence averages more than 100 letters per day.

Nichols, who started out with a small one-room office in the Mims Building, has moved to a large building at 1435 North Fourth St., and already the eight-office building is becoming crowded.

Five young women work full-time sorting the incoming mail, answering inquiries, doing secretarial work, and tending to the bookkeeping.

John F. Reese, an elder of the Highland Church of Christ, is devoting his full time to the Herald of Truth and directs the activities of the Abilene office.

The entire program is under the direction of the elders of the Highland Church.

The program, which started over the American Broadcasting Company in February with 105 stations, is now carried over 195 stations in 46 states and the Dominion of Canada.

Darrell Ramsey, another Herald of Truth employee, directs the radio program continuity, station clearance, and handles the publications for the program.

Orville L. McDonald of Dallas is in charge of advertising for the program. An ex-student of Abilene Christian College, McDonald travels with Nichols on his speaking tours.

Included in the Herald of Truth office is a complete mailing room that is now handling between 8,000 and 10,000 pieces of literature each month.

SERMONS MAILED

The program has its own addressograph and bindery to help handle the monthly output. Hundreds of persons write for copies of Nichols' sermons.

The 10,000 pieces of literature does not include the thousands of Bible tracts that are sent out each month.

Nichols estimates that the Herald's printing bill is more than a \$1,000 per month, and is due to grow larger as the program expands.

The coast-to-coast radio hookup has given the Church of Christ a nationwide scope similar to that of other denominations, and already new churches are being organized as a direct result of the program.

A church in Sidney, Neb., is sponsoring a new congregation near there because of the requests from people in that area for a new congregation of the Church of Christ.

Three Texas ministers, Stanley Shipp of Knox City, Alfred Waller of Denver City, and H. L. Matheny of Rochester, will leave Abilene next week to go to Riverton, Wyo., to organize a new Church of Christ.

The request for the church there came as a result of the Herald of Truth broadcast.

Numbers of Churches of Christ throughout Texas and the Midwest pledged \$250,000 to support the nationwide program before it was initiated here last February.

However, the amount pledged does not pay for the entire cost of the program, nor does it provide for all of the printing bills, Nichols pointed out.

MAIL CONTRIBUTIONS

Last month, more than \$3,000 was received in voluntary contributions through the mail, above



FAR-FLUNG RADIO NETWORK — John F. Reese, left, supervisor of the Herald of Truth, nationwide Church of Christ radio program, points out some new radio station outlets on a U.S. map to the radio preacher, James W. Nichols. A total of 195 stations now carry the program, including two in Canada. Reese, an elder of the Highland Church of Christ, sponsor of the program, has gone to work full-time supervising the Herald of Truth program. Pins on the map above show the location of the 195 radio stations that carry the program, which originates in Abilene each Sunday. (Staff Photo)

the pledges from the congregations who are supporting the program, Nichols said.

All who work on the program, either in the office, or on the radio program itself, are paid salaries by the elders of the Highland Church.

Contributions through the mail or from the various churches go into the financing of the program, and the amount of the contributions does not affect the salaries of the workers, Nichols said.

On June 29, the program will originate from the Will Rogers Auditorium at Fort Worth, when a mass rally will be held there. The program will be transcribed for rebroadcast the following Sunday.

Church officials are hoping for attendance of 5,000 despite the fact that the auditorium will only seat 3,000.

"We hope to have them standing outside," Nichols said. "Local speakers will be strung up to take care of the overflow crowd."

TV OFFER STUDIED

The program has recently been offered television time over a Dallas station. Officials of the Herald of Truth are studying the possibilities of the offer and may soon have the program on TV as well as on radio.

Nichols has made several TV appearances already in Chicago and Dallas.

Elmer Wheeler, nationally-known newspaper columnist, recently devoted a column to Nichols. He compared him to Dr. Frank Gunsaulus, "who once delivered a \$2,800,000 sermon!"

"That's how much Dr. Gunsaulus received from the late Phillip Armour to start the Armour Institute, now known as the Illinois Institute of Technology," Wheeler said. "Nichols has not delivered a million dollar sermon yet, but my guess is that he's on the way to one."



HERALD OF TRUTH STAFF — Pictured above are the 16 office workers and program officials for the Herald of Truth, nationwide Church of Christ radio broadcast now aired by 195 stations: P. S. Kendrick (seated) prepares to open some of the more than 100 letters received daily at the Abi-

lene office. Others (left to right) are Lena Norris, Barbara Lyons, Nora Faye Jensen, Phil Kendrick, Jr., announcer; Mrs. H. B. Randolph, Mrs. A. R. Lawrence, Ernestine Harper, Darrell Ramsey, Olene Ash, George Elkins, Jr., Jenny Scott, Barbara Martin, Ann Ward, Betty Jensen, Kendrick, and Gloria Taylor. (Staff Photo by Don Hutcheson)

C O P Y

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Lebanon, Tennessee
June 12, 1952

Bro. Darrell Ramsey
Abilene, Texas

Dear Bro. Ramsey:

We hear the Herald of Truth over WSIX,
Nashville and are so thankful for such
an opportunity, and for those who had
the vision and the faith to develop it.

We are sending another small contribution
for the continuance of this good work.

Sincerely,

(signed - name on file)

C O P Y

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
June 18, 1952

The Herald of Truth
Box 1264
Abilene, Texas

Dear Brethren:

Thank you so much for the name and address of Mrs. Florence Grovatt. She lives about four blocks from where we're meeting at 300 White Horse Pike. We have had several visitors from the neighborhood, some regular ones, but Mrs. Grovatt has not visited the services yet and we have not met her.

We have found ten members of the church living in this section as a result of advertising in the Friday newspapers of the area and the cooperation of members living in other parts of the country writing to us and giving us the names and addresses of members of the church living in this section.

We have heard many favorable remarks concerning the radio program; we believe the program has a good audience in this area. We advertise it weekly and mention it by personal call and via telephone.

God bless you in this wonderful effort.

Sincerely in Christ,

(signed - name on file)



C O P Y

Nazareth, Kentucky
April 29, 1952

The Herald of Truth
Abilene, Texas

Gentlemen:

I want to thank you for getting the Church of Christ in Bardstown, Kentucky, in touch with me.

It was through your correspondence that enabled the Church to give me a telephone call, inviting me to visit their congregation.

So far I have attended four times and have enjoyed the services as well as the fine hospitality. Sunday I had the pleasure of visiting in the home of one of the families of that town.

Since Louisville has gone on the fast time, we missed the sermon Sunday. However, I will be missing it all the time here at Nazareth, that is, if your message comes in at 12:00 o'clock for that is the time we have our lunch.

I am grateful, too, for the literature I have received from you.

May God bless you in your work.

Sincerely yours,

(signed--name on file.)

C O P Y

1053 7th Avenue
Longview, Washington

Church of Christ
Abilene, Texas

Dear Brethren:

The first time I heard the program my heart filled with joy and thanksgiving. I tuned in, not in the beginning, but the middle of the sermon, but I knew it was the Church sounding forth the truth. When the speaker stated that he would rather his tongue cleave to the roof of his mouth than to preach salvation except as Peter preached it at Penecost, I knew that no denominational preacher would make such a statement.

In a hodge-podge of religious programs that teach deceivable half-truths, the "Herald of Truth" stands out as a beacon of Truth. The speaker is firm in his delivery but has love and compassion in his voice which the Church behind him feels for the lost world. We are misunderstood and accused of lacking love. We know this is not true but our preachers often give the world that impression in their zeal for the matters of doctrine.

I hear the program on Sunday afternoon over K.E.X. Portland, Oregon. However I heard your early morning effort coming over K.L.E.M. Eureka, California. I was overjoyed to hear and to be able to join the songs of praise of sisters and brothers who I may never meet in this life but hope to when we all meet the Lord.

May the Lord bless you in your effort. I thank Him for you and thank you for encouraging me.

Love in Christ,

(Signed—Name on file)

C O P Y

Dear Brethren:

It is a source of real joy to every one of us that the pure gospel is at last being preached on a nation-wide scale.

When I think of the teeming millions going into eternity lost, I can't help but offer a prayer for you brethren who put on this program. I am thankful for you, and for your work.

Last week I was in a large city in the North, where Christians are few. One of the largest stations was making plans to carry the Herald of Truth. I just thought how many hundreds of thousands would at least have the opportunity to hear the gospel over that station alone, who would never have a chance to hear it if they had to wait for me or some other preacher to come to them personally with it.

Then, when you multiply that station by the two hundred odd other ABC stations the chances for preaching the gospel are almost beyond our comprehension. I do hope that sufficient interest on the part of brethren will make it financially possible for us to stay on every station of the American Broadcasting Company. We want this land of ours to hear the truth!

Yours in the faith,

Reuel Lemmons

SACRED HEART MISSION
Priests of the Sacred HeartWalls, Miss.
July 17, 1952

Dear Sir:

Re Sermon No. 23

The author of this sermon tried to disprove the apostolicity of the Roman Catholic Church as the true church of Christ by putting a different interpretation to Matthew 16,18. Because of the different gender used in the words "Tu es Petrus" and "super hanc petram" the preacher would like his hearers to believe that there was to be no connection between Peter and Christ Church, as it's vicar. The preacher went on to say that the root of these words comes from the Greek "petros". This etymological explanation is correct as far as the Latin and Greek texts are concerned, but the true meaning which Christ had in mind was NOT IN GREEK, but in Aramaic. All New Testament writings were made in Greek, with the exception of the Gospel of St. Matthew.

With this clarified, let us see what word Christ used when He addressed Peter in Aramaic? John 1,42 reads: "thou shalt be called Cephas, which is interpreted Peter." Cephas, then, is the Aramaic word which Christ used and not PETROS or PETRUS. The word "Cephas" in Aramaic is neuter gender, or at least, a one gender word in its gramatical make up. In Aramaic it has only one ending, and its ending cannot be changed to suit another gender. So, Christ used the same word when He said "Thou are Peter (Cephas) and upon this rock (Cephas), etc" Cephas in Aramaic is the word for "rock".

Once more, Sir, let me emphasize the fact that St. Matthew's Gospel was the first of the Gospels to be written. The other evangelical writers got their material from Matthew, but wrote their gospels in Greek. A further study of heuristics should make all this clear beyond doubt as to the correct intention in the mind of Christ when He spoke these important words.

I remain,

Gratefully yours in Christ,

(signed - name on file)

Riverton, Wyoming
March 25, 1952

Dear Brother:

I listen to your radio program every Sunday, since there isn't a Church of Christ here. As far as I can find out the nearest one is sixty miles. There are three towns within twenty miles of Riverton, and Riverton is a good sized town. Is there any way we might have a preacher here? There is a great need of one here.

I don't know what else to tell you, that would help, since I don't know how these things are arranged. But I will do anything to help, and hope you can help us.

Sincerely,
Mrs. W. J. Luna
Box 935
Riverton, Wyoming

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C O P Y

Stanley Shipp, Min.
Church of Christ
Knox City, Texas

The Herald of Truth
Box 1264
Abilene, Texas

Dear James Walter and Brother Reese:

Because I know you men so well, and I know that you are interested in knowing about any effort to spread the gospel, I thought it good to sit down and give you a few of the details of the recent effort in Riverton, Wyoming. I only wish every member of the body of Christ could know these things so they could realize what a great work is being done, especially by those in difficult fields.

Little did I realize just what the final outcome would be when H. L. Matheny and I were sent by the elders of Rochester and Knox City respectively, to the Herald of Truth offices some months ago to request that information of some needy field that you had received letters from. As we told you then, the church in Knox City, and the church in Rochester as well as other congregations, were sending their preachers each year to some needy field for a free gospel meeting. (Four of us went to Illinois last year).

Because of the many letters you had been receiving, we thought then that you folks might have some information concerning just such a field that you would be glad to pass on to us, and surely enough, after sitting down with you two, and reading all of those names, and sifting through them we went back home with several of them, and finally decided on writing Sister W. J. Luna in Riverton, Wyoming.

Sister Luna wrote back, and was seemingly thrilled at the possibility of having the gospel preached in Riverton for the first time (with the exception of the Herald of Truth) and we began to make our plans.

The elders in Denver City said they wanted to send their preacher, Alfred Waller, and naturally have the oversight of him in this effort. Likewise the church in Munday sent Joe Barnett, the church in Rochester helped H. L. Matheny and the church in Knox City sent me.

We left on June 16, and began preaching the night of June 18 in the High School study hall in Riverton to about 28 people. During the meeting we had an average of 38 present and the largest crowd was 63. Sister Lune, Sister Moore, and the Beryl Phillips family (who obeyed the gospel during the meeting) worked hard in making preparations, assisted by the good church in Thermopolis, Wyoming, and Leslie Rickerson, the preacher there.

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Each week-day afternoon at 5:30, we had a 15 minute radio program over KWRL in Riverton (the same station that carries the Herald of Truth) and this program was very well received. In a town of 4,000 people, we seldom knock-a door, but what they had heard the radio program.

During the meeting sixteen obeyed the gospel and three were restored. We used the indoor swimming pool to baptize the folks in. Many more were becoming interested at the close of the meeting. A very significant statement was made by some brethren in Thermopolis that indicates the sending of four men was the exact thing to do. They said, "It took the church at Thermopolis twelve years to get to the same place the church at Riverton is in fifteen days." We shall never regret having four men together. It took all four of us, and of course we thank God for His blessings that made it all possible. From this experience and previous experience both ways, I would certainly suggest that anyone who is planning on doing work of this nature send at least four men. One man absolutely could not have done this work.

Brethren, it cost congregations (the four mentioned) and some individuals (who assisted H.L.) over \$1,000 for this one meeting, but in a place where the gospel had not been preached, where there was not but one man in the congregation (and he was elderly and inactive), where no congregation was meeting; and then to leave behind five good men who are zealous and working, plus boys, girls, and several women, making a good congregation of 19, we felt that the price (in dollars and cents) was very, very cheap.

Because of the wonderful way in which these men started working and with the zealous help of their good wives, God being their helper, they will continue. They will grow.

They are meeting now in the American Legion Hall, and will soon move to the Grade School building. It is fine to note that the contributions the first two Sundays were \$86.00 and \$82.41. They are buying a lot. Plans are in the making for a building. We are working toward one of us preachers going to work with them.

The people in Riverton have a slight disadvantage of hearing the Herald of Truth. It is on the air at 12:00 noon there. Many are still in services. However, many still listen. If the time could be changed it would be better. The local congregation is now using the spot at the end of the program to announce services.

We thank you for the information you gave us about this field. I know you are thrilled about the results. We hope and pray that many others may do the same as we did in following up those contacts made by the radio programs. You can do a great work by helping us; not by being a missionary society, to direct the work in these places, but simply by giving us information you are in a position to have, and then letting each individual congregation carry on its own work in the way they desire to. You have done just that with us.

Pray for us .. May God bless you. Come to see us when in Knox City.

Sincerely, In Christ

(signed)

Stanley Shipp
Box 267
Knox City, Texas

C O P Y

P. O. Box 36

Surigao, Surigao, P.I.

May 18, 1952.

Dear Mr. Nicholls,

It came into my interest to write you, because I read an article in the "Time" magazine last week when I was yet in school. I am very interested to know more about the religion you are defending and preaching. Please let me also know if you have a representative of your religion here in the Philippines. I have many questions to ask concerning religion. Here in our country Roman Catholics are more in number than any other sect. I was baptized a Catholic, but now ^I am a member of the Baptist church. Just the same, I meet many problems caily about all these religions. I cannot understand the explanations of the layman alone. I like to be a member of a simple and understandable religion. Please let me know about schools in U.S. that are under your religions supervision. It is my ambition to be a preacher of the teachings of Christ in the simplest manner as what most of our people here like.

I am asking your help to furnish me all information about your religious sect. Please inform me if you will admit members from this part of the globe.

Thanking you in advance for any information that you can furnish me.

Yours in Christ

(Signed-Name on file)

P.S. I forgot what issue of the "Time" magazine I have read. We are now enjoying a 2-month vacation. Please don't fail to send me information, all about your religious sect. I'll write you constantly as soon as I can receive your reply. Send me also a catalogue of the Abilene Christian College. Many thanks in advance.

Same.

C O P Y

Winston Salem, N. C.
Sunday, May 11, 1952

The Herald of Truth
Abilene, Texas

Dear Sirs:

Please send me Booklet No. 14.

May I ask one question? Should one go to all these Churches that are not identified in the New Testament and teach other doctrines other than that which is written?

I cannot find any of these denominational churches identified in the Bible.

Wishing you great success.

(signed-name on file)

TIME

THE WEEKLY NEWSMAGAZINE

Literal & Simple

"Every week," wrote Evangelist Jim Nichols of Abilene, Texas, "the Lutherans, Baptists, Methodists, Catholics, Christian Reformists, Seventh-Day Adventists, Christian Church and scores of independent preachers spend hundreds of thousands of dollars in preaching false doctrines from coast to coast over the air." Strapping young (24) Evangelist Nichols of the fervent and fast-growing Churches of Christ (10,000 congregations, 1,000,000 members) called on his denomination to put its own message on the air.

Since last month, Evangelist Nichols has had what he wanted: a 145-station hookup of the American Broadcasting Co. Nichols himself, speaking with a strong Texas drawl, leads the preaching in a new Sunday radio series, called *Herald of Truth*. The network program, which will cost the Churches of Christ congregations \$285,000 this year, is the first big project they have ever undertaken jointly. The denomination is resolutely unorganized, and frowns on any sort of central church administration. Its members broke away from the Disciples of Christ after the Civil War, in protest against the use of a set creed, organ music in church, and organized missionary societies.

Lack of central direction has not kept the Churches of Christ from growing impressively; membership, heaviest in the South and Southwest, has doubled in 25 years. Their basic doctrine is a literalistic belief in the New Testament. Central



EVANGELIST NICHOLS Jones-Kennye
He got the air.

tenets are baptism by immersion and communion every Sunday. Says an Abilene colleague of Nichols: "Our growth is phenomenal because our plea is simple."

Preacher Nichols grew up as fast as his church did. He wrote his first sermon when he was twelve; it was read by a clergyman friend over a Salt Lake City radio station. At 15, he began preaching himself, and kept it up through his four years at Abilene Christian College (one of ten colleges maintained by the Churches of Christ). In 1947, he talked 15 Iowa congregations into sponsoring a radio program, then expanded it to include eight stations in five states.

Using his Iowa broadcasts as an example, Nichols convinced other congregations that a joint national radio program would bring in converts without whittling away any congregation's local autonomy. Explains Nichols: "The primary interest of the Churches of Christ is converting people." Aim by 1962: 1,000 new congregations.

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TIME, MARCH 24, 1952

C O P Y

Charleston, S. C.
May 20, 1952

Herald of Truth
Box 1264
Abilene, Texas

Dear Brother Nichols:

Your letter of March 15th telling me that you were sending to me the Herald of Truth instead of the "Beacon". That suits me just fine, and I am enjoying the Herald of Truth. I want to congratulate you on the fine work you are doing over the "National Hook Up". That is indeed a forward movement in keeping with onward march of the mission work we are doing. Keep it up.

I have never heard your message but once, and that was in Oklahoma last February when I was there in a meeting.

I had your letter of March 22 telling me that you had ordered the ABC station in Charlston to carry the program. I called the station soon after receiving your letter and asked him if he had had orders to carry the program. He said he had not, but would be glad to carry it just as soon as he had orders and could clear the station. I intend to go see him soon to see if anything has been done that the message may be heard in Charleston, as we are unable to get it from any other station.

Except some mission point we have established since my coming here, it is more than one hundred miles to the nearest Church of Christ. So you see that if there is a place in the nation where your program needs to be heard, it is here. We will greatly appreciate anything you can do to assist the work here.

Brotherly,

(signed-name on file)

C O P Y

899 Brownlee Road
Whitehaven, Tennessee
April 30, 1952

Herald of Truth
Abilene, Texas

I would like very much to have a copy of your sermon No. 12.

We belong to the Christian Church, but have been attending a neighborhood Church of Christ some lately. I'm confused. My husband is too, but he doesn't think he is and is satisfied as we are.

He was reared a Lutheran. He studied Christian Science a number of years, then was baptized 15 years ago into the Christian Church. Here of late, however, was the first time I knew he did not believe it is necessary to be baptized to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, or to take the Lord's supper either. Where does it say to take the Lord's Supper upon the first day of the week? Can you enter the kingdom if you take it twice a year as some do? If not, explain why. My husband thinks you can belong to any church and go to heaven as long as you live the right kind of life. I'm studying trying to learn more, so any other sermon you think might be of help I would appreciate it.

Thank you.

(Signed, name on file)

C O P Y

Raleigh, N. C.
March 20, 1952

Highland Church of Christ
Abilene, Texas

Dear Sirs:

At a recent visit to a (state) Prison Road Camp, I was pleased to learn that a group of boys were taking a tiny radio to the end of the building where they could listen to your broadcast "Herald of Truth." One of the boys had been in your Church before he got into trouble.

Some way this boy had heard that there was an article about your work with pictures in either Life or Look Magazine and he was eager to see a copy. I am sure you won't mind encouraging this boy by either sending him a copy of the magazine or telling us which issue it was in.

I am a religious worker in the (state) Prison system going from camp to camp and surely need your prayers.

The boy's name and address is: (on file)

Sincerely,

(signed-name on file)

P.S.
I served as a religious worker in Texas Prison ten years.

C O P Y

Checotah, Oklahoma
May 12, 1952

To the "Herald of Truth",

I listen to your program over KTUL and KRMS, Tulsa at 1:00 o'clock and 2:00 o'clock p.m. on Sunday, and know it is the Truth, so I am sending for 2 copies of your "Why Back to God" pamphlets--one copy for myself and another for another lady--"Sermon 14".

Will you please explain why the Church of Christ teaches Acts 2:38 baptism and baptize using Matt. 28:19 sermons for baptism. Didn't Peter tell them to baptize in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost? I would like to have a definite understanding on baptism. I will be listening for your broadcast.

Your's in Christ

(signed-name of file.)

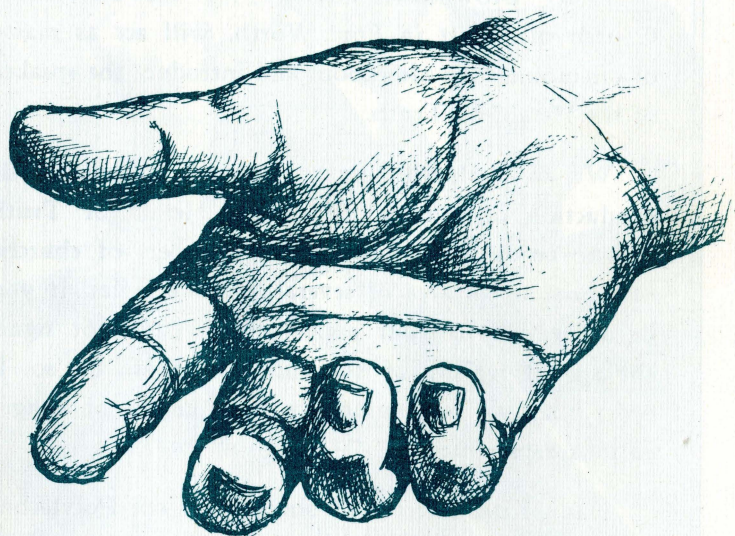


Churches of Christ

SALUTE YOU

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Herald of Truth



"Welcome"

Churches of Christ

In Fort Worth

are happy to welcome you this afternoon.

*These churches also invite you to attend
services anytime you find it possible.*

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN FORT WORTH BID YOU WELCOME . . .

Leroy Brownlow, minister for the Polytechnic Church of Christ in Fort Worth, will act as master of ceremonies this afternoon, and introduce the speakers of the Herald of Truth.

We are gathered here today both to witness the production of a broadcast of the Herald of Truth, and to enjoy the fellowship of members of churches of Christ in an area of several hundred miles. If you, or a member of your congregation, have not signed the special register at the entrance, please do so, in order that we may announce the number of congregations represented.

Haun Kite, director of singing for the Polytechnic congregation, will direct a group of selected singers from the Fort Worth churches of Christ to produce the music for actual broadcast. Leaders from various congregations will be selected to direct the entire assembly.

Let us ask the blessings of Him who guides us as we enter this service in Christian fellowship.



JAMES W. NICHOLS

Your speaker this afternoon is a man who, though only 24 years of age, is a sound gospel minister and outstanding speaker. He is currently being heard each week by millions of people nearly 200 radio stations from coast to coast.

SERMON

"Which Church?" James W. Nichols

YOU MAY HEAR THE HERALD OF TRUTH OVER THESE STATIONS

Alabama, Anniston	WHMA	1450	1:00 p.m.	Maine, Bangor	WABI	910	1:00 p.m.	Penn., Johnstown	WCRO	1230	7:00 p.m.
Auburn	WAUD	1230	1:00 p.m.	Portland	WPOR	1450	9:00 a.m.	Philadelphia	WFIL	560	2:00 p.m.
Birmingham	WSGN	610	10:30 p.m.	Maryland, Baltimore	WFBR	1300	3:00 p.m.	Pittsburg	WCAE	1250	3:00 p.m.
Florence	WJOI	1340	9:30 a.m.	Cumberland	WDYK	1230	8:00 a.m.	Wilkes-Barre	WILK	970	5:00 p.m.
Gadsden	WGAD	1350	1:00 p.m.	Mass., Gardner	WHOB	1490	1:00 p.m.	R. Island, Providence	WPJB	1420	1:00 p.m.
Huntsville	WHBS	1490	1:00 p.m.	Lawrence	WLAW	680	1:00 p.m.	S. Carolina, Florence	WJMX	970	10:30 a.m.
Mobile	WABB	1480	6:30 a.m.	Springfield	WSPR	1270	5:00 p.m.	S. Dakota, Aberdeen	KSDN	930	10:30 a.m.
Montgomery	WAPX	1600	1:00 p.m.	Worcester	WAAB	1440	3:00 p.m.	Tenn., Chattanooga	WDEF	1370	1:00 p.m.
Selma	WGWC	1340	check sta.	Michigan, Battle Creek	WELL	1400	1:00 p.m.	Jackson	WTJS	1390	1:00 p.m.
Tuscaloosa	WJRD	1150	9:00 p.m.	Bay City	WBCM	1440	1:00 p.m.	Johnson City	WJHL	910	11:30 p.m.
Arizona, Phoenix	KOY	550	7:00 a.m.	Detroit	WXYZ	1270	1:00 p.m.	Knoxville	WBIR	1240	1:30 p.m.
Tucson	KCNA	1340	3:00 p.m.	Flint	WFDE	910	10:00 p.m.	Memphis	WMPS	680	9:00 p.m.
Arkansas, Eldorado	KSDM	1290	1:00 p.m.	Lansing	WLS	1320	1:00 p.m.	Morristown	WCRK	1450	check sta.
Ft. Smith	KFSA	950	1:00 p.m.	Ludington	WKLA	1450	1:00 p.m.	Nashville	WSIX	980	4:00 p.m.
Hot Springs	KTHS	1090	1:00 p.m.	Muskegon	WKBZ	850	2:00 p.m.	Texas, Abilene	KRBC	1470	1:00 p.m.
Little Rock	KGHI	1250	1:00 p.m.	Minn., Minn.-St. Paul	WTCN	1280	7:30 a.m.	Amarillo	KFDA	1440	1:00 p.m.
Springdale	KBRS	1340	6:00 p.m.	Miss., Aberdeen	WNPA	1240	3:00 p.m.	Austin	KNOW	1490	2:00 p.m.
Calif., Bakersfield	KPMC	1560	10:00 a.m.	Centerville	WGLC	1580	8:00 a.m.	Beaumont	KFDM	560	1:00 p.m.
Eureka	KIEM	1480	7:15 a.m.	Columbus	WCBI	1340	6:00 p.m.	Big Spring	KBST	1490	1:00 p.m.
Fresno	KARM	1430	3:30 p.m.	Jackson	WSLI	930	2:00 p.m.	Brownfield	KTFY	1050	4:30 p.m.
Los Angeles	KECA	790	3:30 p.m.	Laurel	WLAV	1490	1:00 p.m.	Brownsville	KVAL	1490	1:00 p.m.
San Francisco	KGO	810	3:30 p.m.	Missouri, Kansas City	KCMO	810	12:30 p.m.	Corpus Christi	KEYS	1440	9:00 a.m.
San Luis Obispo	KATY	1340	3:30 p.m.	Rolla	KTTR	1490	8:45 a.m.	El Paso	KEPO	690	3:00 p.m.
Colorado, Craig	KRAI	1230	5:30 p.m.	St. Louis	KXOK	630	9:15 p.m.	Ft. Worth	WBAP	570	1:00 p.m.
Denver	KVOD	630	5:00 p.m.	Springfield	KWTO	560	1:00 p.m.	Graham	KSWA	1330	4:30 p.m.
Conn., Bridgeport	WNAB	1450	2:00 p.m.	Montana, Butte	KOPR	580	11:00 p.m.	Houston	KXYZ	1320	8:00 a.m.
Hartford	WTHT	1230	2:30 p.m.	Great Falls	KMON	560	7:30 a.m.	Longview	KFRO	1370	1:00 p.m.
Delaware, Wilmington	WILM	1450	2:00 p.m.	Nebraska, Lincoln	KFOR	1240	10:30 a.m.	Lubbock	KFYO	1340	4:00 p.m.
Florida, Gainesville	WGGG	1230	1:00 p.m.	Omaha	KOIL	1290	5:30 p.m.	Midland	KCRS	550	1:30 p.m.
Jacksonville	WPDQ	600	8:30 a.m.	Sidney			12 n.	Paris	KPLT	1490	9:00 p.m.
Miami	WQAM	560	1:00 p.m.	N. Hamp., Claremont	WTSV	1230	1:00 p.m.	San Angelo	KGKL	960	1:00 p.m.
Pensacola	WEAR	1230	11:30 p.m.	Lebanon	WTSL	1400	1:00 p.m.	San Antonio	KMAC	630	9:00 p.m.
Tallahassee	WTNT	1450	5:00 p.m.	Manchester	WMUR	610	5:00 p.m.	Texarkana	KCMC	1230	1:00 p.m.
Tampa, St. Pete	WSUN	620	1:00 p.m.	N. Mexico, Albuquerque	KOAT	1450	3:00 p.m.	Wichita Falls	KFDX	990	2:00 p.m.
Georgia, Atlanta	WGST	920	1:00 p.m.	Clovis	KCLV	1240	1:00 p.m.	Utah, Provo	KCSU	1490	3:00 p.m.
Augusta	WGAC	580	2:00 p.m.	Los Alamos	KRSN	1490	3:00 p.m.	Salt Lake City	KUTA	570	7:30 a.m.
Brunswick	WGIG	1440	1:00 p.m.	Santa Fe	KTRC	1400	3:00 p.m.	Vermont, Brattleboro	WTSA	1450	1:00 p.m.
Columbus	WGBA	1460	7:30 a.m.	New York, Albany	WXXW	850	2:00 p.m.	Burlington	WJOY	1230	1:00 p.m.
Macon	WBML	1240	1:00 p.m.	New York	WJZ	770	12:30 p.m.	Montpelier-Barre	WSKI	1240	1:00 p.m.
Rome	WLAQ	670	1:00 p.m.	Olean	WHDL	1450	1:00 p.m.	Virginia, Charlottesville	WINA	1280	9:15 a.m.
Savannah	WDAR	1400	1:00 p.m.	Rochester	WARC	950	3:00 p.m.	Fredericksburg	WFV.A	1230	check sta.
Valdosta	WGAF	910	1:00 p.m.	Saranac Lake	WEAV	960	2:00 p.m.	Norfolk	WGH	1310	5:00 p.m.
Idaho, Boise	KGEM	1140	3:00 p.m.	Syracuse	WAGE	620	12:00 n.	Richmond	WRNL	910	1:30 p.m.
Pocatello	KEOI	1440	9:30 a.m.	N. Carolina, Ashville	WLDS	1380	1:00 p.m.	Washington, Aberdeen	KBKW	1450	9:00 p.m.
Illinois, Chicago	WENR-WLS	890	2:30 p.m.	Charlotte	WAYS	610	1:00 p.m.	Pasco	WPKW	1340	3:30 p.m.
Quincy	WGEM	1440	8:00 a.m.	Durham	WTIK	1310	2:00 p.m.	Seattle	KJR	950	3:30 p.m.
Indiana, Anderson	WHBU	1240	1:30 p.m.	Fayetteville(Sat.)	WFLB	1490	1:00 p.m.	Spokane	KGA	1510	3:30 p.m.
Bloomington	WTTS	1370	1:00 p.m.	Salisbury	WSAT	1280	1:00 p.m.	Washington, D. C.	WMAL	630	1:00 p.m.
Evansville	WJPS	1330	1:30 p.m.	Winston-Salem	WAIR	1340	1:00 p.m.	W. Virginia, Beckley	WWNR	620	1:30 p.m.
Ft. Wayne	WGL	1250	1:00 p.m.	N. Dakota, Fargo	KFGO	790	1:00 p.m.	Parkersburg, Sat.	WCOM	1230	5:30 p.m.
Iowa, Cedar Rapids	WMT	600	7:30 a.m.	Ohio, Cleveland	WJW	850	1:00 p.m.	Wheeling	WKWK	1400	1:00 p.m.
Des Moines	KSO	1460	1:00 p.m.	Columbus	WCOL	1230	9:30 a.m.	Wisconsin, Green Bay	WDUZ	1400	5:30 p.m.
Sioux City	KSCJ	1360	10:30 p.m.	Lima	WIMA	1150	9:00 a.m.	LaCrosse	WKTY	580	4:00 p.m.
Waterloo	KXEL	1540	5:30 p.m.	Youngstown	WBBW	1240	8:30 a.m.	Madison	WIHA	1320	8:00 a.m.
Kansas, Coffeyville	KGGF	690	2:00 p.m.	Oklahoma, Ada	KADA	1230	1:00 p.m.	Milwaukee	WCAN	1250	2:00 p.m.
Topeka	WREN	1250	1:00 p.m.	Enid	KCRC	1390	1:00 p.m.	Neenah	WNAM	1280	8:00 a.m.
Ken., Bowling Green	WKCT	930	1:00 p.m.	McAlester	KTMC	1400	1:00 p.m.	Wyoming, Casper	KSPR	1470	9:15 p.m.
Harlan	WHLN	1230	3:00 p.m.	Muskogee	KBIX	1490	2:00 p.m.	Cheyenne	KFBC	710	12:00 p.m.
Louisville	WKLO	1080	1:00 p.m.	Oklahoma City	KTOK	1000	9:30 a.m.	Cody	KODI	1400	12:00 p.m.
Newport	WNOP	740	2:00 p.m.	Tulsa	KRMG	740	2:00 p.m.	Rawlins	KRAL	1240	12:00 p.m.
Louisiana, Baton Rouge	WLCS	910	1:00 p.m.	Oregon, Eugene	KUGN	590	1:00 p.m.	Riverton	KWRL	1450	12:00 p.m.
Monroe	KMLB	1440	2:00 p.m.	Klamath Falls	KFLW	1450	4:30 p.m.	Torrington	KGOS	1490	12:00 p.m.
New Orleans	WDSU	1280	1:00 p.m.	Medford	KMED	1440	7:30 a.m.	Worland	KWOR	1490	12:00 p.m.
Shreveport	KRMD	1340	1:00 p.m.	Portland	KEX	1190	3:30 p.m.	Canada, Trail, B. C.	CJAT	610	check sta.
								Toronto, Ont.	CKEY	580	9:15 a.m.

*All times are Sunday unless otherwise indicated.

This Is The Herald of Truth

At a gathering similar to the one in which we are engaged this afternoon, some 2,000 people met in Fair Park Auditorium in Abilene, Texas, to transcribe the first nation-wide radio broadcast ever undertaken by churches of Christ. The program produced on that day, Feb. 3, 1952, was heard the following Sunday afternoon over 105 radio stations throughout the nation.

In June of 1947, James W. Nichols, then a recent graduate of Abilene Christian College, went to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, with the two-fold purpose of taking advance courses in speech at the University of Iowa, and to preach the gospel. A short time later, he began a weekly radio broadcast over the local station, response to which was so encouraging that he soon began to think of expanding the work. Shortly thereafter, another young gospel preacher, James D. Willeford, of Madison, Wisconsin, who was also conducting a local broadcast, became interested in the idea of expansion. Their first step was to merge the two programs, so that each speaker was heard alternately over both stations. At the same time they began to contact other congregations, and present to them the prospects of radio ministry.

The expansion did not progress very rapidly until November of 1951, when the Highland Church of Christ in Abilene agreed to assume complete oversight and direction of the expansion program. Immediately Mr. Nichols began to write scores of letters to some 10,000 congregations of the churches of Christ throughout the nation, and support began pouring in. Quite amazing is the fact that the greater part of the more than \$300,000 now pledged for 1952 has come from small congregations. This amount has been pledged by an excess of 800 congregations in 42 states.

The program that you will see produced this afternoon will be heard over 200 stations next Sunday, July 6.

Music for the national broadcasts is furnished by a group under the direction of Mr. Leonard Burford, outstanding musical director who is nationally recognized for his work with choral groups.

Phil Kendrick, a radio speaker with several years experience, is the regular announcer for the network series, and will introduce Mr. Nichols this afternoon while actual recording is taking place. Mr. Kendrick's work in producing the program has received nothing but praise since the first broadcast.

The original plans were to contract with another network for broadcast of the Herald of Truth, but in January of this year, an offer was received from the American Broadcasting Company that the elders at Highland considered too good to pass by. Therefore, during that month a contract was signed with them for one year, with a basic network of 105 stations. Since that time, as more support has come in, more stations have been added to make the present total of 200. The directors of the radio work feel that by the end of the first six months, the network will have doubled.

Included in this number are some 30 independent stations whose time has been purchased by local congregations desiring to have the broadcast locally. These stations are supplied with transcriptions and broadcast simultaneously with the network.

During these past four months approximately 125 letters per day have come into the Herald of Truth offices, for a total of some 18,000 pieces of correspondence. All letters are answered individually and properly filed. Mr. John F. Reese, one of the Highland elders, is devoting his full time to answering these letters, and five selected ministers are also helping.

We have received numbers of letters saying that many non-members are attending services as a result of listening to the Herald of Truth, and recently we have been advised that there have been at least a dozen conversions.

Churches of Christ

In Fort Worth

CHURCH	LOCATION
Arlington Heights	5001 El Campo
Azle Avenue	2813 Azle Avenue
Birdville	Carson & Broadway
Calmont Avenue	Calmont & Montgomery
Castleberry	1025 Merritt
Cowanville (colored)	2126 Amanda
Diamond Hill	2916 Dean Road
Handley	Handley Drive & Church Street
Highland Park	1200 East Richmond
Lake Como (colored)	5537 Houghton
Lake Worth	Indian Oaks
Meadowbrook	Oakland Blvd. & Ederville Road
New York & Leuda (colored)	939 East Leuda
North Side	2001 Lincoln
Oaklawn	4609 Wichita
Polytechnic	3501 Avenue I
Prince Street	800 Prince Street
Ridglea West	Ridglea West School Building
Riverside	2701 East Belknap
Rosen Heights	2103 Azle Avenue
Samuels Avenue	Samuels & Peach
South Side	College Ave. & E. Leuda St.
Vickery Boulevard	1632 East Vickery
Washington Heights	3124 North Houston
West Berry	W. Berry & Merida
White Settlement	Ralph and Frank Streets
Worth Heights	3500 South Pecan
Linwood	2925 West Fifth Street

You are cordially invited to attend the regular services of these congregations.

C O P Y

Toronto, Ontario
May 29, 1952

Herald of Truth Radio Program
Box 1264
Abilene, Texas

Dear Brother Nichols:

As you may have already been infomed the (4) Churches of Christ in Toronto have for some years sponsored a half-hour radio broadcast each Sunday morning. Last Sunday May 25th, a tape recording of one of your former broadcasts was put on the air over this Toronto station--C.K.E.Y.

There are many religious programs broadcast over Canadian stations on the Lord's Day and during the week too. In fact it seems like a babel of confused voices. Last Sunday we were visiting with my father, who is alone and over 70 years old, but his home is about mid-way between Toronto and Detroit and quite difficult to listen to C.K.E.Y.

I was born and spend first 17 years on farm in this area--in a general way it would be the top of a triangle whose base was a line between Cleveland and Detroit. Unfortunately the Church there, which dates back over 120 years, went digressive about 50 years ago. Most of the membership is related to the writer and they are mostly Canadian Rural stock who have lived in the same community for 5 to 7 generations. I am very much interested in having these good people listen regularly to your program. Would appreciate very much if you would advise what stations carry the broadcast in the North of your country, especially, Detroit, Cleveland, and Buffalo, and also the time.

Fortunately, last Sunday the writer heard (and thoroughly enjoyed) every bit of the broadcast. I have a cousin who is a radio man and he made a set for his father. The case was rough so the father put it in the barn. They have a finer looking set in the house but it is not so good. In case you are interested, I heard the broadcast while being nuzzled by a baby calf and all around were cattle, chickens, a few kittens and a big farm collie. This home made set, is the only one that I know about that will bring in C.K.E.Y. Thoughts of Jesus birth-place came to me o'er and o'er.

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C O P Y

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It is indeed thrilling to hear God's word magnified and exalted and to hear such beautiful songs of praise. We are surely looking forward to future broadcasts and have been telling our friends about your wonderful program.

Our prayer is that your splendid work may prosper and that it may strengthen individual Christians and congregations and that many souls will be lead to obey the Truth.

Fraternally

(signed-name on file

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Waxahachie, Texas
July 8, 1952

The Herald of Truth:
Abilene, Texas

Dear Brethren:

Will you please send me the copies of your broadcasts inclusive of the 19th through the broadcast of July 6? These are for the benefit of a dear friend who is on the border line of conversion. I am a regular listener of your program and enjoy them very much. I feel certain that you are doing a wonderful work and are happy that the Church here is helping to support it.

I will enclose \$1.00 to help take care of the many requests such as mine.

Your sister in Christ,
(signed - name on file)

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C O P Y

Stanberry, Mo.,
August 18, 1952

To The Herald of Truth:

Am sending \$5.00 to help preach the
Gospel.

I have a son that is a preacher. Late-
ly he baptized an old man that had been
converted by hearing this Gospel over
the Radio.

Signed

(Name in File)

C O P Y

#47

Sunnyvale, California

Dear Brethren:

I surely do enjoy the program "Herald of Truth" and I encourage others to listen too.

I would like to have sermon No. 22 and the series of sermons "What Must I Do To Be Saved?" to pass on to prospective members-- those who love the truth and are learning the way.

I am sure much good is being accomplished by the radio work. May the Lord add His blessings.

In the faith,

(signed - name on file)

C O P Y

East St. Louis, Ill.
June 2, 1952

Dear Brethren,

We have been listening to the "Herald of Truth" ever since it was started and enjoy it very much. We wish you the very best of luck in the continuation of this program. We believe you have done and are doing a wonderful job preaching the gospel to this country.

We were thrilled to hear that so many people are hearing and responding to the call of our Lord. May God help you in all you do and say in his name, and may you always have the will to do His will.

A few weeks ago while glancing through "Quick", a small handbook, I noticed a small paragraph about a debate between Brother Stevens and a Catholic priest. The debate was in Oklahoma, but you said over the air if we had any questions to write to you. Could you let us have or tell us where to send for a copy of that debate? We think it would be good reading to realize all that is being done in Jesus' name.

Please send the copy or the address to (name on file) with the above address.

Thank you and may you always have the prayers of all the Christians in the world for your good work.

Your loving brother in God,

(signed--name on file)

Radio Evangelists:
James W. Nichols
James D. Willeford

Announcer:
Phil Kendrick

Radio Treasurer:
P. S. Kendrick

The Herald of Truth

A RADIO PROGRAM
UNDER DIRECTION OF HIGHLAND CHURCH OF CHRIST

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ABILENE, TEXAS

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CONTACT MEMORANDUM

TO

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Name

Address

City

Remarks

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Member

Date.....195..

Nature of request:

Sermon ☐

Question ☐

Location of
Congregation ☐

Note: This memorandum is sent to you in order that you might make a personal contact. This person has expressed an interest in the preaching of the gospel in the manner indicated on the opposite side of this sheet, and may or may not be a member of the Church. We do not expect an answer to this notice, but would appreciate your contacting the individual, if possible, in the interest of the Cause of Christ.

Yours in Him,
Elders, Church of Christ
S. 5th & Highland

By:

John F. Reese
For the elders

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C O P Y

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Sulphur Springs, Texas
June 14, 1952.

The Herald of Truth
P. O. Box 1264
Abilene, Texas

Dear Brethren:

Enclosing our check in the amount of \$100 to apply on the broadcast. We think your programs are of the highest type and are so happy to have this good mission work to be reaching so many people.

Keep planting the good seed and the harvest will be bountiful, let us pray God that the reapers in each congregation will work with you in gathering the ripened grain into the barn.

Yours in Christian service,
(signed - name on file)



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